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PLO'S QADDUMI ON EUROPEAN INITIATIVE, RELATIONS WITH JORDAN

JN061353 Doha QNA in Arabic 1300 GMT 6 Apr 80 JN

[Text] Sharjah, 6 April--PLO Political Department Chief Faruq Qaddumi has called on the European states to expedite a positive and effective initiative to restore the Palestinian people's national rights, particularly their right to self-determination.

In a statement to the newspaper AL-KHALIJ published in Sharjah today, Qaddumi said: We believe that the European move is proceeding slowly but positively following French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's visit to the Gulf states. We hope that this move will not be linked to the end of the so-called autonomy talks on 26 May.

Qaddumi said: Regrettably, Britain is playing an unsound role in this respect. It actually wants to distort the European initiative.

Qaddumi reaffirmed that the PLO's first objective is to establish an independent state. After that, relations with Jordan, which is linked to Palestine geographically, historically and internationally, will be defined.

Qaddumi accused the United States of working against the Lebanese accord, stressing the PLO's readiness to exert every force to insure the accord's success. He said that the PLO has not yet received anything in regard to the opening of the Golan Heights for Palestinian fedayeen action.

'ARAFAT CHAIRS MEETING OF PALESTINIAN HIGHER MILITARY COUNCIL

NC071651 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic to Arab World 1615 GMT 7 Apr 80 NC

[Text] At noon today, brother leader Abu 'Ammar chaired a meeting of the Palestinian Higher Military Council. Discussions centered on the current situation in southern Lebanon in light of the Zionist and isolationist attacks against the towns, villages and Palestinian camps as well as the situation in other areas. Other topics were also discussed, and a number of decisions and measures were taken.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR HANDS MESSAGE TO 'ARAFAT FROM SOVIET LEADERS

NC040701 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic to Arab World 0530 GMT 4 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Last night, brother leader Abu 'Ammar received the Soviet Ambassador in Beirut, comrade Aleksandr Soldatov, who conveyed to brother Abu 'Ammar a message from the Soviet leadership pertaining to the latest current developments.

QNA: SYRIAN-LEBANESE-PLO SUMMIT TO BE HELD SOON

JN031302 Doha QNA in Arabic 1155 GMT 3 Apr 80 JN

[Text] Damascus, 3 April--The QNA correspondent in Damascus has learned from reliable Palestinian sources that contacts are being made to hold a Syrian-Lebanese-PLO summit conference.

The sources said that the summit between Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad, Lebanese President Ilias Sarkis and PLO Chairman Yasir 'Arafat is expected to be held in Damascus during this month.

The sources added that the subjects to be discussed will deal with the current situation and new developments in addition to ways to coordinate and implement their stands vis-a-vis the developments in Lebanon, as well as ways to bolster the Lebanese national accord. It was also learned that a high-ranking Lebanese military delegation will arrive in Damascus next week to complete discussions of topics discussed last March during the visits of Commander in Chief of the Lebanese Army Gen Victor Khuri and, later, Chief of Staff Brig Gen Munir Tarabayh. During these visits, they discussed with high-ranking Syrian officials coordination of stands of the two countries in light of the latest developments in Lebanon, the withdrawal of Syrian troops from Beirut and their redeployment in the Baqa' area.

PALESTINIAN LEADERS EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR EGYPTIAN NATIONAL FRONT

NC040800 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic to the Arab World 0530 GMT 4 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Fatah Central Committee member brother Abu Iyad and brother Ibrahim Qulaylat yesterday met with Egyptian National Front Secretary General Gen Sa'ad ad-Din ash-Shadhili. The meeting was attended by Michel Kamil, Samir Karam and Samir Sabbagh. They discussed the future measures which the front will implement following the official announcement of its formation last week. The discussions also concentrated on the national and pan-Arab stands which must be taken to support the front in its moves inside and outside Egypt.

Meanwhile, brother Abu Jihad, Fatah Central Committee member and Al-'Asifah forces General Command member, also met with Gen Sa'ad ad-Din ash-Shadhili and representatives of the Egyptian National Front. They discussed aspects of cooperation between the Palestinian revolution and the Egyptian National Front.

During the 3-hour meeting, Abu Jihad affirmed that the PLO stands with all its resources and weight at the side of the Egyptian National Front. Abu Jihad commended the establishment of the front under the leadership of General ash-Shadhili, the hero of the crossing in the October war.

General ash-Shadhili yesterday met with the brother Egyptians in Lebanon. Representatives of the Egyptian political forces represented in the front spoke at the meeting. These are: 'Abd ar-Rahman al-Khamisi, Fu'ad at-Tuhami, Michel Kamil, Fahmi Husayn and Nabil Ya'qub. Ya'qub submitted a request for the Egyptian Democratic Youth Union to join the front.

FATAH OFFICIAL ON PLO TEHRAN OFFICE DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

JN080810 Doha QNA in Arabic 0730 GMT 8 Apr 80 JN

[Text] Kuwait, 8 April--Salah Khalaf, alias Abu Iyad, Fatah Central Committee member, has stated that he was surprised by the statements that have been attributed to Hani al-Hasan, PLO office director in Tehran. Hani al-Hasan said that the PLO supports Iran in all fields.

In a telephone conversation with the Kuwait newspaper AL-ANBA' published today, Khalaf said that he was astonished by Al-Hasan's remarks in denying the statement made by Fatah Central Committee member Hayil 'Abd al-Hamid to the effect that the three islands occupied by Iran are Arab islands and that Iran should withdraw from them. Abu Iyad added that he will contact Hani al-Hasan to enquire about the statements that have been attributed to him.

FATAH OFFICIAL BELIEVES PLO WILL NOT ATTEND TRIPOLI CONFERENCE

JN072017 Doha QNA in Arabic 1955 GMT 7 Apr 80 JN

[Text] Doha, 7 April--Salim az-Za'nun, alias Abu al-Adib, member of the Central Committee of the Palestine National Liberation Movement (Fatah) and Fatah representative in the Gulf area, has expressed his belief that the PLO will not attend the steadfastness and confrontation conference if it is held in Tripoli, Libya.

At a press conference held in Doha this evening, Mr az-Za'nun told reporters that the PLO's participation in the conference in Tripoli will certainly not be on the level of PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat.

FATAH OFFICIAL HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE IN DOHA 7 APR

JN072115 Doha QNA in Arabic 2050 GMT 7 Apr 80 JN

[Excerpts] Doha, 7 April--Salim az-Za'nun, alias Abu al-Adib, member of the Central Committee of the Palestine National Liberation Movement (Fatah) and Fatah representative in the Gulf area, has affirmed that the Palestinian revolution will continue to stand fast and will use all its resources against the Zionist enemy without losing hope, even if the revolutionaries felt that they were standing alone in the struggle.

Referring to Iraqi-Iranian relations at a press conference held here this evening, Abu al-Adib said: A conflict between Iran and Iraq or between Iran and any other Arab country will inevitably be in the interest of world Zionism because it will divert attention away from the necessity of resisting the new plots of the Camp David partners. He explained that the Palestinian revolution always raises the slogan of integration between Iran and the Arab states in order to regain Palestine. He expressed his confidence that the stabilization of the situation in Iran will clear the atmosphere between Iran and Iraq.

At the end of the press conference, Abu al-Adib spoke about the steadfastness and confrontation conference which was scheduled to be held on 28 March. He said that negotiations are still underway to convene this conference on a new date after the PLO rejected Libya's request to convene it in Tripoli.

LONDON PAPER REPORTS ON ARAB EFFORTS AT LIBYA-PLO MEDIATION

LD011001 London ASH-SHARQ AL-AWSAT in Arabic 31 Mar 80 p 1 LD

[ASH-SHARQ AL-AWSAT report]

[Text] Damascus, ASH-SHARQ AL-AWSAT--The results of the new mediation which Syria carried out between the PLO and Libya yesterday will come to light after Yasir 'Arafat [PLO Executive Committee Chairman] returns from his current tour.

It has been learned that the mediation was aimed at resolving the differences between the two sides and at paving the way for convening a summit conference of the Steadfastness and Confrontation Front states. The summit, which was scheduled to convene yesterday, has been postponed indefinitely. The front states hadproposed convening the summit in Damascus but Libya insisted on having it convene in Tripoli. This resulted in agreement to postpone it owing to PLO's reservations. Official Syrian sources have stated that the conference will convene in mid-April but did not say where it will convene.

Syrian Deputy Prime minister and Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam has returned to Damascus after a brief visit to the Libyan Jamahiriyah during which he conveyed a letter from Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad to Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi.

According to Syrian newspapers, the letter dealt with the situation in the Arab area and the circumstances the Arab nation is experiencing at present.

The Syrian newspapers, however, did not explain whether 'Abd al-Muhsin Abu Mayzar, PLO official spokesman and official in charge of international relations, had accompanied the Syrian foreign minister during his visit. Last Saturday evening a Palestinian source emphasized that he did.

Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid participated in the mediation efforts. He will today conclude his extensive Arab tour, which included Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the PDRY, the YAR, Qatar, Bahrain and Kuwait.

Algerian diplomatic sources stated in Manama yesterday that the Algerian president is seeking to expand the Steadfastness and Confrontation Front to include the frontline and supporting states.

The Algerian president was scheduled to meet in Abu Dhabi yesterday with Yasir 'Arafat, who had just arrived there from a visit to India, but the president left the UAE for Qatar and then for Bahrain without meeting 'Arafat.

VOP: AYATOLLAH KHALKHALI HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE ON VISIT TO SOUTH

NC071747 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic to Arab World 1615 GMT 7 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Ayatollah Khalkhali, president of the Revolutionary Court in the Islamic Republic of Iran, held a press conference today at the premises of the Palestine news agency, WAFA. He affirmed that Iran--the government and people--supported the Palestinian people in their struggle against Zionism and U.S. imperialism.

On his visit to Lebanon, Khalkhali said: My visit to Lebanon is like my visit to Libya and Syria. In Lebanon, there are my brothers, led by the great hero, brother leader Abu 'Ammar, who invited us to visit our people and heroic fighters in southern Lebanon. We are here in response to this kind invitation from brother leader Abu 'Ammar.

On his visit to southern Lebanon, Khalkhali said: We visited the south; there was no place we didn't visit. While there, we saw the steadfastness and courage we are proud of. We will not forget either the heroism and steadfastness we witnessed in the south or the crimes that the Zionists--using the most modern U.S. weapons of destruction--are committing against innocent people.

AR-RA'Y AL-'AMM: PLO TO MEDIATE WESTERN SAHARA CONFLICT

NC051044 Paris AFP in English 1024 GMT 5 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Kuwait, April 5 (AFP)--Algeria and Morocco have agreed to mediation by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in the Western Sahara conflict, the Kuwaiti newspaper AR-RA'Y AL-'AMM reported today.

The paper said that the PLO had established initial contact in the mediation attempt.

The Algerian-backed POLISARIO Front guerrillas are fighting the Moroccan Army in a campaign to set up their Saharan Arab Democratic Republic in the Western Sahara, which was annexed by Morocco after Spain, the former colonial power, gave up the territory in 1975.

PLO OFFICIAL CALLS ON JAPAN TO INVITE 'ARAFAT

NC051620 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic to the Arab world 1515 GMT 5 Apr 80 NC

[5 April statement made to a VOP correspondent by PLO Political Bureau Chairman Abu al-Lutuf--recorded]

[Text] The positive attitude reported to have been taken by the Japanese Government is, as a matter of fact, a familiar stand which has already been taken by the Japanese Government. Japan has recognized the PLO as the Palestinian people's legal representative; it has also recognized the Palestinian peoples' right to self-determination and to establish their independent Palestinian state.

As is known, we have an office in Tokyo.

However, we would like Japan to go further in its attitude by officially recognizing the PLO office and by granting this office diplomatic status just as India, Tanzania, Austria and Senegal have done. This is what we want from the Japanese Government.

Instead of an invitation from the Palestinian-Japanese Friendship Association, we would like the Japanese Government to send an official invitation to brother Abu 'Ammar to visit Tokyo in particular and Japan in general. Such an official invitation would truly reflect the attitude of the Japanese Government toward the general aspects of the Palestinian problem.

BAHRAIN

GULF DAILY NEWS REVIEWS U.S.-IRAN HOSTAGE SITUATION

GF080820 Manama GULF DAILY NEWS in English 8 Apr 80 p 6 GF

[Editorial]

[Text] The thin thread linking the American hostages in Iran to the door of freedom has snapped once again. To the world it means another knot has to be tied in the string to try to bring both sides together again. For the hostages it means another wait and more uncertainty over their future. For America it means another round of economic and political sanctions in what has almost become an endless merry-go-round of bartering.

But what does it mean to the future of Iran? By taking this action the Ayatollah Khomeyni has virtually given a vote of no confidence in the government of President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr. Much was made of Iran's election and the vision of how the people would decide who should govern the country. The people have decided and Bani-Sadr is president by their will.

Ayatollah Khomeyni has vetoed the president's proposal to transfer custody of the captives to the ruling Revolutionary Council from the hand of the militant students who hold them.

At present Iran needs to be strong within if it is ever to take its place in world politics again; and as long as minority groups receive backing from the ayatollah in confrontations with the government, this will never be so.

Unity is what the country needs most now and the sooner that everyone in Iran--from the highest to the lowest--realises this, the sooner they will be on the road to stability again.

KUWAIT

OLYMPIC COMMITTEE ENDORSES DECISION TO ATTEND GAMES

LD081054 Kuwait KUNA in English 1015 GMT 8 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Kuwait, April 8 (KUNA)--Kuwait's Olympic Committee endorsed a final decision to participate in the Moscow summer olympics, AL-ANBA newspaper reported Tuesday. The committee president Shaykh Fahd al-Ahmed will lead a 125-man delegation to the games. Representatives of Kuwait television and other media would also accompany the delegation. Besides football, Kuwait will take part in five sports activities, the paper said.

SUDANESE MINISTER ARRIVES WITH MESSAGE FOR AMIR

LD041734 Kuwait KUNA in English 1046 GMT 4 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Kuwait, April 4 (KUNA)--The Sudanese minister of presidential affairs, Abu Sakr 'Uthman, arrived here Thursday night from Baghdad. He will deliver a message to H.H. the Amir Shaykh Jabir al-Ahmad as-Sabah from the Sudanese President Ja'far Numayri during his short visit here. 'Uthman delivered another message to the Iraqi President Saddam Husayn during his visit to Baghdad. The message was said to have pledged support to an Iraqi charter proposed by Husayn regulating inter-Arab relations.

Iraq and Sudan recently restored diplomatic relations after a one-year severance caused by a political dispute.

OMAN

REPORTED U.S. OFFER TO INSTALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS REJECTED

LD081050 Kuwait KUNA in English 1005 GMT 8 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Kuwait, April 8 (KUNA)--Sultan of Oman Qabus ibn Sa'id has rejected an American offer to install tactical nuclear weapons in his country, it was reported here Tuesday. AL-ANBA' newspaper said that the U.S. had, however, obtained facilities for conventional weapon on the Maseira Island base for a period of five years. The Pentagon will spend about 800 million dollars to improve services of the base so that they can cope with the newly formed American emergency force.

Citing "well informed sources", the newspaper said that the Carter administration is trying to convince Oman to have a naval base of its own which could serve American military purposes. The location of the proposed naval base would be in Al Hassab or Matrah where America feels it could protect the oil supplies passing rhrough the Hormuz Strait in the Gulf.

The sources believe that the U.S. is attempting to exert pressure on Arab countries and on its Western allies to submit to the American policy in the region, AL-ANBA' said.

SAUDI ARABIA

OFFICIAL ATTACKS LEBANESE PAPER ON CARTER STATEMENT

LD072156 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 2015 GMT 7 Mar 80 LD

[Text] A responsible source at the Foreign Ministry has denied that U.S. President Jimmy Carter has told His Majesty Prince Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, crown prince and deputy prime minister, that Jerusalem is to be returned to the Arabs, or that such a statement has been made to any Saudi official.

The source said that the report published in the Lebanese newspaper ASH-SHA'B' on 25 March concerning this matter is a pure fabrication, and that its sole aim is to attack Saudi Arabia and its clear, candid policy towards the Mideast problem in general and the Palestinian problem in particular.

The source added that His Majesty Prince Fahd made no statement whatever to AL-MAJALLAH, which ASH-SHA'B quoted. Furthermore, AL-MAJALLAH did not report anything to suggest the suppositions and fabrications which ASH-SHA'B published--fabrications motivated by matters which are far from being in Arab interests.

The source said that if Saudi Arabia champions the problems of the Arabs and harnesses all its resources for their sake, it does so on the basis of lofty Islamic aims and in the greatest interests of the Arabs. Saudi Arabia does not expect a word of thanks nor does it fear censure from an Arab source which has its own motives and which does not serve Arab interests.

Regarding the Middle East problem on the Palestinian cause, the source reaffirmed the kingdom's policy which stems from supporting the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to their territories and to the establishment of their state--standing in all this by the PLO the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

He also affirmed the kingdom's attitude toward the question of holy Jerusalem, describing it as clear and obvious, stemming from the fact that the question concerns not only the Palestinian people and the Arab nation but, as an Islamic issue, also the entire Muslim nation with all its dimensions.

The source pointed out that the kingdom is not responsible for any statements or actions by any other state. He also expressed disgust with some Arab newspapers which continue to recruit those who sell their pens, even at the expense of betraying the Arab nation's fateful issues, its unity and the realization of its glory.

He described ASH-SHA'B's action as a deviation from the truth as well as disregard for the restrictions which the free press imposes on itself, seeking within this freedom to serve the aims of the Arab nation, mobilizing for this end all free pens, and refraining from trading and bidding for personal ambitions.

UAE

FOREIGN MINISTER'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

JN080900 Doha QNA in Arabic 0735 GMT 8 Apr 80 JN

[Text] Abu Dhabi, 8 April--UAE President Shaykh Zayid ibn Sultan Al Nuhayyan has confirmed the acceptance of UAE Foreign Minister Ahmad Khalifah as-Suwaydi's resignation. The Abu Dhabi paper AL-ITTIHAD reports this today and says that the confirmation came during Shaykh Zayid's visit to the center for studies and documentation yesterday, on which he was accompanied by As-Suwaydi.

The paper adds that Shaykh Zayid lauded As-Suwaydi's important role and his services on the domestic and foreign levels during his period of tenure which dates from the formation of the first UAE Cabinet.

Shaykh Zayid described As-Suwaydi's efforts as sincere and honest, and said that his sacrifices were boundless in all fields.

RAS AL-KHAIMAH LEADER DISCUSSES IRAN; DENIES LEASING LAND TO U.S.

LD030916 Kuwait KUNA in Arabic 0720 GMT 3 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Kuwait--Shaykh Saqr ibn Muhammad al-Qasimi, ruler of the Emirate of Ras al-Khaimah in the state of the UAE, has been quoted here as saying that he believes that Iran will return three islands it occupied during the era of the deposed shah near the Strait of Hormuz 9 years ago.

The Kuwaiti AL-HADAF said that in an interview Shaykh Saqr welcomed the statement made by Iranian President Bani-Sadr in which he is quoted as saying that Iran will not return the three islands, namely the Greater and the Lesser Tumbs which belong to Ras al-Khaimah, and Abu Musa which belongs to Ash-Shariqah (Sharjah), so long as the American military presence continues in the Gulf region.

Shaykh Saqr said that the mere fact that such views have been expressed by the Iranian president means a clear admission of the Arabism of these islands, which have been usurped and will be returned to their owners.

He said we get the impression from this statement that our brothers in Iran will return these islands to their owners. He said he would like to give Iran an opportunity to establish order and security because the internal conditions in Iran are evident to everyone.

The ruler of Ras al-Khaimah said in the interview that old regional differences between his emirate and the Sultante of Oman "are no longer of any importance" now that the two sides have agreed to freeze them. Oman is demanding part of Ras al-Khaimah's territory close to the Strait of Hormuz, which is the only passage to the oil-rich Gulf. However-Shaykh Saqr said the two sides have agreed to freeze this dispute and to reach an understanding by friendly means to solve this dispute.

He denied press reports that Ras al-Khaimah has agreed to lease part of its territories to the United States for military purposes. He said such reports are unfounded and that Ras al-Khaimah is only a part of the state of the UAE and has no right to lease any part of its territories.

Further Report

JN071935 Manama GULF NEWS AGENCY in Arabic 1915 GMT 7 Apr 80 JN

[Text] Ras al-Khaimah, 7 April--Shaykh Saqr ibn Muhammad al-Qasimi, member of the Supreme Council and ruler of Ras al-Khaimah, has reiterated the Arab character of the three islands of Greater and Lesser Tumbs and Abu Musa. He said that the Arab character of these islands is a fact known by the entire world and expressed the hope that these rights will be restored.

On UAE-Iranian relations, Shaykh Saqr ibn Muhammad al-Qasimi stated today that "our relations with the brothers in Iran are relations of Islamic brotherhood and good neighborliness. We are keen to preserve these links, which Islam has based on cooperation and amity. We have great hope that these relations will become more solid among all fraternal peoples and that such relations will prevail in dealings among all Islamic countries and peoples."

Shaykh Saqr ibn Muhammad al-Qasimi expressed support for President Saddam Husayn's national declaration and praised Saddam Husayn's vanguard leadership and the sincere efforts the Iraqi president is exerting to protect Arab rights and land and to protect the Arab nation's present and future.

UNCONFIRMED REPORT SAYS AS-SADAT MAY VISIT JERUSALEM AGAIN

TA080517 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 0500 GMT 8 Apr 80 TA

[Text] An Egyptian source in Washington has said the Egyptian president has been considering visiting Jerusalem again and speaking before the Knesset to explain his position on the Palestinian issue. The remarks of the Egyptian source in Washington were reported by Israel's radio's Arab correspondent Eli Laniado. The Egyptian source said this new initiative of the Egyptian president will accelerate the peace process just as his first visit to the Knesset did. The source emphasized that As-Sadat's visit to Jerusalem depended on the Israeli Government's agreement.

Our Washington correspondent Shalom Qital notes that this report has not been officially confirmed. Political sources in Jerusalem told our political correspondent Shim'on Schiffer that there have been no hints of such an initiative in recent contacts with the Egyptians. If the Egyptian president proposes such an initiative, Israel will issue a formal reaction. The political sources noted that the Egyptian president had an open invitation to visit Israel ever since the Aswan summit.

PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY MAY ASK FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

NC072048 Cairo MENA in English 2004 GMT 7 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Oslo, April 7 (MENA)--The Egyptian People's Assembly will appeal to world parliaments to clamp sanction against Israel and not to give it any facilities until it goes back on its intransigent policy of implanting new settlements in the occupied Arab territories, which was condemned by the international community.

The appeal will be contained in the Egyptian paper which the People's Assembly Deputy Speaker Muhammad Radwan will submit to the political committee of the spring Inter-Parliamentary Union conference scheduled to open here tomorrow.

The paper will also include Egypt's position on the Middle East problem and the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. The paper to be read out in the conference that will be inaugurated by King Olav and attended by representatives of 79 states will emphasise that the Palestinian peoblem was never that of refugees but that of a people and territory that was occupied in 1967 and the need for acknowledging the Palestinians' right to set up their state in accordance with international resolutions.

Before the conference's political committee, Fu'ad Muhyi ad-Din, chairman of the Egyptian Parliament's political committee, will call for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan so that a political and economic system could be established there without any outside interference.

Dr. Muhammad Dakruri, addressing the conference's economic, social and educational committee, which will open on Wednesday, is due to call for the realisation of the mutual interest of developed and developing countries, for the setting up of a world fund for industrial development, a bank for industrial data and for enabling people to utilize their human and industrial potentialities.

AFP CITES INFORMED SOURCE IN ASYUT PROTEST

NC041142 Paris AFP in English 1133 GMT 4 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Cairo, April 4 (AFP)--Arch-conservative Muslim students from all Egyptian universities protested at Asyut University south of Cairo yesterday against keeping the ousted shah of Iran in Egypt, an informed source said today.

Nearly 4,000 students shouted slogans against President Anwar as-Sadat, who invited the shah, calling the president a "pharoah".

The students were members of the Islamic brotherhoods, a powerful student movement. They also complained that some Christians have high positions in Egypt's government and said Egypt should have Islamic legislation.

Asyut, 600 kms (400 miles) south of Cairo, was the scene of clashes on Friday and Saturday between anti-riot brigades and militants of the brotherhood. They said one student was killed.

Delegates at yesterday's meeting denied responsibility for incidents against Christians that caused the Coptic bishops to boycott Easter rites last Sunday.

MENA REJECTS REPORTS ON 'COMMUNAL EVENTS' TAKING PLACE IN EGYPT

NC042307 Cairo MENA in English 2304 GMT 4 Apr 80 NC

["Irresponsible Acts"--MENA headline]

[Text] Cairo, April 4, (MENA)--Certain extremist elements abroad are trying to publish in American and Australian press reports on the individual communal events which are said to have taken place in Egypt, the MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY has learned.

The agency further learns that such elements are trying to stage demonstrations in those countries in protest against such events.

The MENA political editor writes that such irresponsible acts by communities living abroad and are not aware of what goes on in Egypt are entirely rejected since they will cause great damage to national unity and social peace and will not serve any noble purpose. They are also in contradiction with the firm historical and national traditions which brought Egypt's Muslims and Christians together during their long national struggle.

It is only strange that such moves should come at the same time as other elements are trying a similar escalation in the interior.

It will be recalled that similar moves had taken place prior to President Anwar as-Sadat's visit to the United States and his talks in Camp David. They are taking place now prior to the president's visit to the United States for the sake of the Arab Palestinian cause and Jerusalem.

CHIEF OF STAFF RECEIVES SOMALI, ZAIRIAN DEFENSE MINISTERS

NC051200 Cairo MENA in English 1145 GMT 5 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Lt. General Ahmad Radawi today received Somali Vice President and Defence Minister Lt. General Mohamed 'Ali Samantar, who arrived here Thursday night on a several-day visit to Egypt.

Lt General Badawi also received the secretary of state for national defence of Zaire who arrived last Thursday for a several-day visit to Egypt.

During the meeting, the implementation of the agreement of technical and military co-operation between Egypt and Zaire, signed by Minister of Defence and Military Production General Kamal Hasan 'Ali during his visit to Zaire early last February, was discussed. The meeting was attended by Defence Minister's Assistant Major-General Yusuf Abu Talib and the military delegation of Zaire.

U.S. AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF LEAVES FOR RIYADH

NC050908 Cairo MENA in Arabic 0850 GMT 5 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Cairo, 5 April--U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen Lew Allen left Cairo today for Riyadh after a 4-day visit to Egypt.

During his visit the U.S. general held talks with Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Lt Gen Ahmad Badawi and Commander of the Air Force Lt Gen Muhammad Shakir 'Abd al-Mun'im on bilateral military cooperation. He also visited a number of military bases and archeological sites.

The U.S. general was seen off at the airport by Lt Gen Shakir 'Abd al-Mun'im and senior air force officers.

It should be recalled that General Allen is currently on a tour during which he has visited Morocco and Egypt. He will visit Kenya, Nigeria and Zaire for talks with senior officers on issues of common concern.

AIR FORCE COMMANDER DIES OF HEART ATTACK

NC060945 Cairo MENA in Arabic 0900 GMT 6 Apr 80 NC

[Excerpt] Cairo, 6 April--Air Force Commander Lt Gen Mahmud Shakir 'Abd al-Mun'im died early this morning. His funeral will take place at 1400 today from the celebrations house in Misr al-Jadidah.

The air force commander suffered a heart attack at his home early this morning.

The deceased, it is known, was in good health before his attack. In the past few days he held talks with U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen Lew Allen during the latter's visit to Egypt. The talks dealt with air cooperation between the United States and Egypt. He saw General Allen off at the airport yesterday.

FOREIGN MINISTRY DENIES REPORTS ON SUPPORT FOR CHADIAN FRONT

NC061943 Cairo MENA in Arabic 1913 GMT 6 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Cairo, 6 April--An official spokesman of the Foreign Ministry has stated that Egypt's firm policy on the Chadian crisis has been, since the beginning, as follows:

1. The denunciation of foreign interference in Chad's domestic affairs;

2. The encouragement of the national elements in Chad to achieve a reconciliation in order to safeguard Chad's independence, safety and territorial integrity.

The spokesman adds that Egypt, on the basis of these principles, has done its best to achieve a national conciliation and welcomes and supports the formation of a government of national reconciliation. Consequently, the spokesman said, there is no truth in the reports by some biased circles that Egypt supports one Chadian front against another.

CHRISTIAN OFFICIALS BAN LIVE RELAY OF EASTER MASS

NC042122 Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic 2100 GMT 4 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Our radio and television have celebrated Easter every year by relaying the holy mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Radio and television technicians went to install the necessary relay equipment in two churches, one in Heliopolis and the other in Ramses Street. However, the officials in charge of the two churches did not allow the technicians to do so.

Radio and television take this opportunity to convey congratulations to the brother Copts on the occasion of Easter.

PRIME MINISTER KHALIL SENDS EASTER GREETINGS TO COPTS

NC050704 Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic 0500 GMT 5 Apr 80 NC

[Excerpt] Prime Minister Dr Mustafa Khalil has addressed a message to Christian brothers on the occasion of Easter. He said that it pleases him to convey his sincere congratulations to Christian brothers, brothers of love and peace in the great homeland--Egypt. In Egypt our eyes opened to tolerance. The minarets of mosques rose with the belfries of churches and the Muslim men of religion joined Egypt's priests under the canopy of a splendid national unity.

LABOR LEADER REVERSES STAND ON NORMALIZATION WITH ISRAEL

AL-AHRAR Report

Cairo AL-AHRAR in Arabic 17 Mar 80 p 1 WA

[Text] The General Assembly of the [Egyptian] General Federation of Labor has issued a unanimous decision rejecting normalization of relations with Israel. Sa'd Muhammad Ahmad, Minister of Labor and Chairman of the federation, said at the concluding session of the General Assembly; We reject normalization of relations with Israel and will not accept any dealings with Israel or the Histadrut until all the occupied Arab lands are liberated and the rights of the Palestinian people are restored.

Sa'd Muhammad Ahmad added: The government has normalized relations with Israel but the Egyptian labor movement will not because it is an independent movement which makes its own decisions apart from the government. The members of the assembly received the minister's words with loud applause. The resolution of the General Assembly, which were printed and distributed to reporters, did not contain this decision which was adopted unanimously. Several members of the assembly asked whether this new stand on rejection of normalization of relations contradicts the previous stand of the federation which supported the peace initiative, the peace accords and the Camp David agreements.

MENA Report

NC230854 Cairo MENA in Arabic 0737 GMT 23 Mar 80 NC

[Text] Cairo, 23 March--Sa'd Muhammad Ahmad, chairman of the General Federation of Labor, says in a statement published in the weekly AS-SIYASI today that the federation will seek normalization of its relations with the labor movement in Israel in accordance with the Histadrut's stands on implementing the Camp David agreements and the peace treaty.

130 DEPORTED CITIZENS RETURN FROM IRAN 7 APR

JN072051 Baghdad INA in Arabic 2010 GMT 7 Apr 80 JN

[Text] Baghdad, 7 April--A total of 130 Iraqi citizens deported by the Iranian authorities returned here today. The citizens described the Iranian regime's practices against them as immoral and [words indistinct] with the simplest norms and values and international law.

[Words indistinct] the Iranian administrative employees informed them that the Foreign Ministry has asked the transport establishments and financial houses to mistreat Iraqis and hinder their affairs. They described the situation in Iran as extremely turbulent and unclear even to the Iranians, who cannot know who is the actual president [words indistinct] leads them in Iran.

'ARAB CITIZENS' CARRY OUT OPERATIONS AGAINST IRAN

JN080620 Baghdad Domestic Service in Arabic 1900 GMT 7 Apr 80 JN

[Text] During the past few days Arab citizens in Iran carried out several operations against the agent Iranian regime's installations and elements in retaliation for the regime's oppressive and arbitrary measures against the Arab people.

On 6 April 1980, the Arab citizens detonated explosive charges under seven gas and oil pipelines which transport oil and gas from Masjed Soleyman to Abadan. The explosions led to huge fires. Khomeyni's authorities failed to contain the fires which were still raging as of 1500 today.

Last Friday, the Arab citizens attacked the Fallehiyeh Market, which is completely under the control of the racist Persians. The attack paralyzed the area and led to the closure of shops. On the very same day, the Arab citizens blew up a gas pipeline between Abadan and Shahpur Port. The explosion led to a huge fire.

On Thursday, the Arab citizens blew up a government cooperative in the (Al-Khammasiyeh) district. The cooperative was completely destroyed.

Last night, the Arab citizens planted explosive charges in the transmission room of [word indistinct] television network. All the equipment was completely destroyed.

The Arab citizens also planted timed explosive charges in the equipment of [word indistinct] the charges went off as scheduled, destroying the equipment.

Two days ago, the Arab citizens clashed with the guards manning the iron and steel factory between Ahvaz and al-Muhammarah in protest against [word indistinct]. Three Arab workers were arrested.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS SEND SUPPORT MESSAGE TO SADDAM HUSAYN

JN071732 Baghdad Voice of the Masses in Arabic 1200 GMT 7 Apr 80 JN

["Texts" of messages of support to Iraqi President Saddam Husayn from religious leaders in An-Najaf, Karbala' and the autonomous region in Iraq--dates not specified]

[Text] May God safeguard you from calamities:

The plight has intensified. We come from God and to him we return. The heinous crime perpetrated by the enemies has deeply pained us and was condemned and frowned upon by history.

The most sublime values of humanity and Islam have been violated by this crime.

Adhere to the spirituality of Islam. Good tidings will come to you and victory will strengthen you. God knows all and he is the most merciful.

[Signed] Shaykh 'Ali Kashif al-Ghita'.

In my own name and on behalf of the disciples of the holy Al-Haydariyah Seminary in holy An-Najaf, we strongly condemn this vile and criminal deed; namely, the assassination of young men and children by sinful hands belonging to a barbaric clique that hides behind the cloak of religion and calls itself the revolutionary committees. Religion dissociates itself from them. This deed demonstrates a criminal mentality and a violation of all human values.

Mr President, we hope that you will adopt a firm stand regarding this clique. May God grant you success and victory.

[Signed] Husayn ar-Rifa'i, custodian of the holy Al-Haydariyah Seminary.

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate: If aught that is good befalls you, it grieves them; but if some misfortune overtakes you, they rejoice at it. But if ye are constant and do right, not the least harm will their cunning do to you; for God compasseth round about all that they do. God speaks the truth. [Koranic verse]

Mujahid Saddam Husayn, president of the Republic:

Islam is the religion of justice and equality. It rose to save mankind from darkness and gave us Muhammad. May God's blessings and prayers be upon him, the prophet that destroyed pre-Islamic paganism in behavior and thought. He destroyed the plights and corruption of the pre-Islamic society. The Arabs were his original disciples. Their stallions crushed the throne of Cyrus of Persia and toppled the empire of the Sassanids. The battle of Al-Qadisiyah [early Islamic battle against Persian Empire] was the symbol of Islamic Arabism, which raised the banner of emancipation from slavery and beheaded the infidels.

The Persians' desire for vengeance is emerging anew. They are exporting the anti-Islamic revolution in the land of the Prophet with which God has honored Iraq, and Iraq became a bridge and a nation that defended Islamic enlightenment with vision and conscicusness. It is an ignorant Persian clamor and racist deeds that are far removed from Islam.

Zarathustra has found in Iraq a free people and revolution on which he can pour his black rancor. He sings the praises of crime as if it is an honor. He sings the praises of vengeance as if it is a right. He hides behind the cloak of Islam and behaves as if the Zionists are on their border and should be fought in order to spread the Islam he wants.

Khomeyni and his hired lackeys, who are linked to several sides, will never harm our patient and steadfast Muslim people no matter how tyrannical he is and despite his bombs in Al-Mustansiriyah and some streets, causing panic among children, women and young men in order to slake the thirst of the Persians and to bring to mind the fall of their infidel empire.

The claws of the neo-Sassanid regime and the murderous Savak members are the tools of the Americans and the foreigners in this area. Iraq knows its role and road. It has never been afraid. Islam is upheld in Iraq and the Muslims are happy. They follow God's laws, aware of the day of reckoning. They are free and enjoy a decent life in the peaceful country which God has given them.

Falsehood will ultimately be defeated and end up with disgrace and dishonor. Right and justice will have their turn. Justice has come and falsehood has been defeated.

[Signed] Religious leaders in holy An-Najaf, Scholar Shaykh Kamil Sumaysim, Scholar Shaykh Hasan Mahdi an-Najar, Scholar Shaykh 'Abd al-Karim as-Sa'di, Scholar Shaykh Rashid Fulayyih.

In the name of God the merciful, the compassionate: Struggler President Saddam Husayn, God's greetings and blessings be upon you:

The ulemas in As-Sulaymaniyah Province strongly condemn the disgraceful criminal deed perpetrated by the agent criminals, the tools of imperialism and Zionism, at the instigation of the rancorous Iranian rulers, who claim Islam and from whom Islam dissociates itself. They are doing what God has forbidden. Thus, they lost his grace and he defeated them. Those who are sowing corruption on earth and want to harm our people, who have triumphed under your leadership, will harm only themselves. The turn of the false will come.

These criminal deeds and acts will only strengthen our people's unity, cohesion and determination to forge ahead behind the leadership of their inspired and brave leader. We pledge to you that we will uphold our allegiance to you and will fight anybody who antagonizes our nation, homeland and leadership. God be with you.

[Signed] Religious leaders in As-Sulaymaniyah Province.

Mujahid struggler President Saddam Husayn, president of the Republic:

In the name of the religious leaders and ulemas in the autonomous region--the provinces of Irbil, As-Sulaymaniyah and Dahuk--we condemn the sinful criminal deed perpetrated by the agents of imperialism and Zionism that harbor rancor against the Iraqi people. We mention in particular the new treacherous rulers of Iran, the claimants of Islam while Islam dissociates itself from them. They are behind such sinful deeds.

Let them know that the leadership of the party and revolution is vigilant and is aware of such vile plots. It will return two blows for one against those rancorous and renegade rulers.

We know that the Iranian rulers are venting their wrath against cherished Iraq because of the president's national declaration which he announced on 8 February 1980: a declaration which was supported by all peace-loving peoples in the world and which categorically rejects all alliances, foreign bases and the machinations of world imperialism in the region.

We know that such criminal deeds destroy only those who perpetrate them and expose them to their people. We pledge to you to be in the front ranks to liberate all the Palestinian soil and holy Jerusalem.

May God keep you, our people's triumphant leader.

[Signed] Religious leaders in the autonomous region, committees of religious guidance and propagation in the provinces of Irbil, As-Sulaymaniyah and Dahuk.

KUWAITI AMIR CONDEMNS BOMBING 'CRIMES'

JN080950 Baghdad INA in Arabic 0920 GMT 8 Apr 80 JN

[Text] Baghdad, 8 April--Shaykh Jabir al-Ahmad as-Sabah, the amir of Kuwait, has denounced the two hideous crimes committed by the Iranian regime's atents at Al-Mustansiriyah University and in the martyrs' funeral march. This came in a telephone call made today by Shaykh Jabir to President Saddam Husayn.

President Saddam Husayn expressed his thanks for the fraternal feelings expressed by Shaykh Jabir, pointing out that Iraq will continue to serve the Arab nation's objectives, security, sovereignty and heritage.

INA DISCUSSES IRANIAN ARMED FORCES ALERT

JN072044 Baghdad INA in Arabic 2030 GMT 7 Apr 80 JN

[Text] Baghdad, 7 April--News from Tehran indicates that the regime has placed its armed forces on alert. Ridiculing this Iranian measure, INA's political commentator said: We do not know the pretext used by the Iranian officials to place their forces on alert.

The commentator added: We know that since the Khomeyni clique assumed power, the Iranian rulers--helped by suspect quarters--are seeking to create a psychological atmosphere to make the Iranian people believe their country's sovereignty and security are threatened by imperialism and foreign forces.

The commentator said that these claims by the Iranian regime are aimed at checking the regime from collapsing. The fabrication of the issue of the U.S. hostages and the various statements made on the subject have the same purpose.

ATH-THAWRAH CONDEMNS IRANIAN POLICY OF 'PLAYING WITH FIRE'

JN080935 Baghdad INA in Arabic 0800 GMT 8 Apr 80 JN

[Excerpt] Baghdad, 8 April--Two Iraqi papers today strongly criticize the Iranian regime and the policy of "playing with fire and harming" Iraq and the Arab nation.

In its editorial, ATH-THAWRAH says "the hand that is held forth in aggression or to touch the Iraqi sovereignty or the Arabism of the Arab nation will be cut."

It adds that Khomeyni's regime reveals in its agent stand against Iraq "the imperialist role entrusted to it, thus colluding with all the enemies of the Arab nation: Zionists, colonialist and defeatists."

The organ of the Arab Socialist Ba'th Party, ATH-THAWRAH, adds: "Instigating Iraq aims at obstructing Iraq's significant national efforts against the schemes of the evil tripartite pact as represented by the Camp David accords and the treasonous Zionist-As-Sadat-U.S. treaty." The paper adds that placing the Iranian forces on alert "represents an exposed and miserable episode in the acts to divert the Iranian people from their basic demands for which they struggled during the reign of the agent shah."

ATH-THAWRAH asserts that Khomeyni's reactionary clique failed to understand the Iranian people's ambitions and failed to solve the major problems it inherited, thus leading to economic destruction. It also practiced suppression against the Ahvaz Arabs and the people of Kordestan and Baluchestan va Sistan and repressed the press and public freedom.

ATH-THAWRAH says: "Bani-Sadr and Khomeyni agreed upon exporting sectarian dissension, and rudely revealed racist schemes in the Arabian Gulf, especially Bahrain. They also launched aggressive compaigns and cheap insults against Iraq's revolution, its people and its struggling leadership."

ATH-THAWRAH adds that the crimes of the Iranian regime and its practices were revealed to everybody in the Al-Mustansiriyah University and Al-Waziriyah incidents.

YUGOSLAV FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL ARRIVES 5 APR

JN051925 Baghdad INA in Arabic 1915 GMT 5 Apr 80 JN

[Text] Baghdad, 5 April--Ignac Golob, Yugoslav foreign affairs assistant federal secretary for the activities of the nonalined countries and international organizations, arrived here this evening on a visit to Iraq.

Golob will hold talks with Iraqi Foreign Ministry officials on bilateral relations and ways of developing them. He will also exchange views with them on the current Arab and international situations.

BAGHDAD PERSIAN BROADCASTS COMMENTS ON IRAN DEVELOPMENTS

NC072015 [Editorial Report NC] Baghdad in Persian to Iran from 1600 to 1900 GMT on 7 April broadcasts its normal programming without noting or commenting on such recent developments on the Iranian armed forces being placed on alert, Iran recalling its embassy staff from Baghdad, or the attack on Iranian oil installations, reportedly by Iraqi raiders.

The broadcast does, however, quote the headline of an unnamed paper reporting that the second secretary of the Iranian Embassy was declared persona non grata and asked to leave Iraq.

There are also the usual anti-Iranian news items such as reports on support messages sent by Iraqi religious leaders to Saddam Husayn; congratulatory messages on the Ba'th Party anniversary; and a Qatari paper praising Iraq's nationalist policies on Arab rights in demanding the return of "the three Arab islands in the Gulf that Iran has occupied by force."

A commentary following the news is similar to other anti-Khomeyni items, noting Khomeyni's distance from the Iranian people and the fact that the Iranian regime "cannot solve its crises by exporting acts of sabotage and terror" because such acts cannot possibly hurt Iraq's solid political base. The commentary also notes that if Khomeyni were to "rescind the secret agreements with U.S. imperialism," he would "surely be worthy of leading" and would "not show spite for Iraq."

AD-DUSTUR DISCUSSES U.S. MIDDLE EAST OPTIONS

JN060827 Amman Domestic Service in Arabic 0515 GMT 6 Apr 80 JN

[From the press review]

[Text] Under the headline "The Strange Options," AD-DUSTUR says: On the eve of Carter's meeting with his Camp David partners Begin and As-Sadat, a U.S. official has announced three options which he views as the only available ones for the Palestinians and which Washington views as the cure for the wound.

Actually these options, which are timed to become the secret agenda of the Camp David tripartite meeting, only point to the U.S. administration's total ignorance of a basic issue. They also point to the shortsightedness and shallowness of the United States in dealing with events in an area in which tension forms a basic threat for the whole world.

The first option the U.S. administration talks about is maintaining the status quo, or more precisely that the area should continue to "enjoy" instability and tension. That is the first option of the U.S. administration.

The second option entails a threat of confrontation between Israel and the Palestinians.

The third option is that the Palestinians should join the Camp David procession before it is too late.

The actual truth is that these strange options were announced in order to form the basis for secret clauses in the addendum to the Camp David accords, which have already reached the brink of failure. The U.S. administration asks of the Palestinian Arabs one of two things: either they stay at this stage of no peace, no war in a region tossed by the waves of fighting and occupation, or they join the Camp David talks, which all the world agrees have failed and are not feasible.

AD-DUSTUR concludes by saying that the three options Washington offers the Palestinians and Arabs and which are linked to the Camp David framework and its well-known objectives, are faced by the one and only option which the Arab nation, and the Palestinians in the forefront, believe in, just like all peace-loving nations do: peace will not be achieved in this region or in the world unless justice is done to the Palestinian people and their legitimate rights are attained within a comprehensive settlement of the Middle East issue. Otherwise, Washington's first option will keep the region in the vicious circle of instability and tension.

It must be said that the intrinsic Arab power is the only guarantee to face all the schemes against the Palestine question and the whole area.

PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION LEAVES FOR NORWAY

JN051750 Amman Domestic Service in Arabic 1600 GMT 5 Apr 80 JN

[Excerpt] A parliamentary delegation led by Senate President Bahjat at-Talhuni left Amman for Oslo, capital of Norway, to attend the meetings of the Interparliamentary Union Council, scheduled to begin on the day after tomorrow, Monday.

PRESIDENT SARKIS MEETS FATAH'S SALAH KHALAF 7 APR

NC071812 Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic 1800 GMT 7 Apr 80 NC

[Text] At 1800, President Ilyas Sarkis met with Salah Khalaf, alias Abu Iyad. The meeting lasted for 90 minutes and dealt with the situation in Lebanon, particularly in the south.

VOL: SHI'ITE LEADER REACTS TO KHALKAHLI'S PRESS CONFERENCE

NC072115 (Clandestine) Voice of Lebanon in Arabic to Lebanon 2015 GMT 7 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Commenting on today's press conference by Ayatollah Khalkhali, Muhammad Shams ad-Din [deputy chairman of the Supreme Shi'ite Islamic Council] said. We were informed tonight about the statements by Shaykh Sadeq Khalkhali concerning the fate of His Eminence Imam Musa as-Sadr. We denounce these statements, which have no legal standing whatsoever and represent an irresponsible stand in passing judgment.

We will declare a more detailed stand on these totally false statements when we read the full text. We wish to recall here that, following contact with the Iranian Foreign Ministry, the Supreme Shi'ite Islamic Council announced that Shaykh Khalkhali expresses his personal views only and not those of the Islamic Republic of Iran in any form.

'FREE LEBANON' OFFICIAL: 7 IRISH UNIFIL TROOPS HELD

NC080725 Marj 'Uyun Lebanon Voice of Hope in Arabic 0600 GMT 8 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Our correspondent asked Abu 'Umar [military official in charge in Bint Jubayl in the border strip] how much truth there is to the reports that fighting took place between Free Lebanon soldiers and the UNIFIL that led to 10 UNIFIL soldiers being taken hostage. Abu 'Umar said: The UNIFIL Irish contingent intercepted us and injured two of our elements. Acco dingly, we were forced to clash with them. One UNIFIL soldier was injured and 10 others taken prisoner. Later three of them who had suffered nervous breakdowns were released on humanitarian grounds. Only seven are still being held.

Abu 'Umar repeated his previous warning saying: Anyone who respects refugee saboteurs, hides their presence on our land or facilitates their entry must bear the consequences.

Haddad Forces in At-Tirah

NC080726 Marj 'Uyun Lebanon Voice of Hope in Arabic 0600 GMT 8 Apr 80 NC

[Text] The military official in charge in Bint Jubayl, Abu 'Umar, has made the following announcement:

Our forces are still stationed in At-Tirah township. Despite UNIFIL harassment, we are exercising self-restraint. We warn these forces that if they take any wrong step against us, it will lead to catastrophic losses on both sides. We will not withdraw a single inch until all the saboteur positions within the UNIFIL operation area are evacuated.

VOICE OF LEBANON REPORTS DISTURBANCES IN ALEPPO, HAMAH

NC080846 (Clandestine) Voice of Lebanon in Arabic to Lebanon 0815 GMT 8 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Further acts of violence have been reported in Syrian cities. Our correspondent reports that last Sunday Aleppo city was awakened by explosions after the 3d division of the special units under 'Ali Haydar's command entered the city. Our correspondent says that Ba'thist lawyer Ahmad Bambaj was killed in his office by Muslim Brotherhood elements.

Syrian Defense Minister Mustafa Talas and Prime Minister Ra'uf al-Kasm have arrived in Aleppo. A curfew is still imposed in the city while helicopters are attacking some positions of the Muslim Brotherhood. The situation in Hamah is no better than that in Aleppo. Hamah was shelled yesterday and several people were killed or wounded. The special squads and intelligence men besieged the city. Our correspondent says that the deputy chief of the Ba'th Party in Hamah was killed last Saturday. Meanwhile, Syrian authorities have arrested several lawyers, including Sa'id Ninu who was reportedly killed, Salim 'Aql, Thurayya 'Abd al-Karim, and lawyers 'Anjarini and Manjuni.

5 April Clashes

NC071304 (Clandestine) Voice of Lebanon in Arabic to Lebanon 1215 GMT 7 Apr 80 NC

[Excerpt] Our correspondent reports that Muslim Brotherhood members attacked intelligence and army centers in the Al-Ansari quarter of Aleppo on Saturday night, using machineguns and handgrenades. Intelligence and army men suffered several casualties, which prompted them to ask for military reinforcements. Tanks and armored vehicles were sent into the streets of the city and curfew was imposed. It was learned that a senior Ba'th Party official was killed in these clashes.

IRAN'S KHALKHALI MEETS PRESIDENT AL-ASAD, MAKES STATEMENT

JN041650 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1615 GMT 4 Apr 80 JN

[Text] At 1400 today, President Hafiz al-Asad received Ayatollah Khalkhali, member of the Iranian Revolution Council, and the members of his delegation. The discussion during this meeting dealt with the ties of friendship and cooperation between Syria and Iran and the situation in the region.

Ayatollah Khalkhali affirmed Iran's support for Syria and its readiness to join Syria in the struggle against Zionism and imperialism and their lackeys. He also affirmed Iran's support for Syria in resisting the Camp David plot. President al-Asad presented Khalkhali and the members of the delegation copies of the holy Koran.

Ayatollah Khalkhali held a press conference this afternoon at the Sheraton Hotel in Damascus during which he praised his talks with President al-Asad and the relations between Syria and Iran. He also hailed Syria's steadfastness against the Camp David plot and warned against any attempts to undermine this steadfastness.

Referring to the crimes committed by the Muslim Brotherhood gangs in Syria, Ayatollah Khalkhali said that Islam is innocent of these gangs, which are operating in accordance with the Carter-Begin-As-Sadat plan to carry out the plot. Khalkhali affirmed that the Iranian people support the Syrian people's struggle with all the means in their power against the Zionist enemy and all plots against the Arab nation. Khalkhali added that the Iranian Government and people are against the Camp David alliance and partners who are plotting against the Muslim peoples.

YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST LEAGUE DELEGATION ARRIVES 7 APR

JN071429 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1215 GMT 7 Apr 80 JN

[Text] Early this morning a delegation of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia [LCY] under Comrade Andrej Marinc, LCY Central Committee member, arrived in Damascus on a 5-day visit to Syria at the invitation of the Arab Socialist Ba'th Party National Command.

During the visit, the delegation will hold party and political talks with a delegation of the Arab Socialist Ba'th Party National Command. The delegation will also meet with several party and state officials.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER LEAVES FOR ROMANIA

JN072031 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1915 GMT 7 Apr 80 JN

[Text] 'Abd al-Qadir Qaddurah, deputy prime minister for economic affairs, left for Romania this afternoon at the invitation of the Romanian Government to attend the Syrian-Romanian joint committee meetings.

In a statement to a SANA correspondent before departure, Qaddurah said that he will convey President Hafiz al-Asad's congratulations to Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu on his reelection as Romania's president.

Qaddurah added that the Syrian-Romanian joint committee will discuss the progress of work on the Syrian projects the Romanian side is currently implementing, particularly projects covered by the fourth 5-year development plan. The committee will also discuss the best methods for operating these projects and the expansion of bilateral cooperation, particularly in the industrial field.

ALGERIA

FLN PARTY DELEGATION RETURNS FROM ZIMBABWE

LD071443 Algiers Domestic Service in French 1300 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD

[Text] The FLN delegation led by Jelloul Melaika, member of the Central Committee and vice president of the National People's Assembly, which paid an official visit to Zimbabwe, has returned to Algiers. The delegation, which has spent several days in Zimbabwe, was received by Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo, joint leaders of the Patriotic front.

The talks with Prime Minister Robert Mugabe and Minister of the Interior Joshua Nkomo covered questions of joint interest and relations between the FLN and the Patriotic Front. The question of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Algeria and Zimbabwe was also discussed. This visit, the first from an Arab country's delegation to Zimbabwe since the recent elections, emphasized the importance which Algeria attributes to the victory of the liberation movement and the election of the Patriotic Front.

PRESIDENT BENDJEDID RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM BREZHNEV

LD072128 Algiers Domestic Service in French 2000 GMT 7 Mar 80 LD

[Text] President Chadli Bendjedid, this afternoon at the seat of the presidency of the republic, received Mr Jelloul Melaika, member of the Central Committee and vice president of the National Popular Assembly, who gave an account of his mission to Zimbabwe. President Chadli Bendjedid also received the ambassador of the Soviet Union in Algiers, who passed to him a message from Mr Leonid Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU.

LIBYA

STEADFASTNESS SUMMIT TO BE HELD IN TRIPOLI 13-14 APR

LD072336 Tripoli Voice of the Arab Homeland in Arabic 2315 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD

[Text] A source at the Foreign Secretariat has announced that the fourth conference of the leaders of the National Front of Steadfastness and Confrontation will be held in Tripoli in the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah from 13 to 14 April. It will be preceded by a meeting of the front's foreign ministers from the 10th to the 12th of this month.

JANA POLITICAL EDITOR ATTACKS AS-SADAT 'THREATS'

LD052118 Tripoli JANA in English 1827 GMT 5 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Tripoli, April 5, JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY--The defeated Egyptian president has issued threats against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah and Syria, and an ugly verbal attack against Saudi Arabia. In an interview published by the U.S. newspaper WASHINGTON POST and distributed by the government-controlled Egyptian news agency, the defeated president said if Libya becomes the source of serious problems, then Egypt will discipline it.

The JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY's political editor said these statements should be taken seriously because they indicated preparedness for aggression against the Libyan people. Moreover, further proof of the danger of these statements is that they come in the wake of Egyptian army manoeuvres on Libya's eastern borders. These army units had been earlier stationed in Sinai on the (Israeli) front. They also follow aggressive statements made by the Egyptian army chief of staff against the Libyan people.

The political editor continued: "These statements should be seen as part of the new aggressive Egypt-Zionist-American military alliance's strategy which envisages Egypt as a U.S. military stronghold and a base for aggression against progressive forces, especially the grand al-Fatah revolution because of its staunch anticapitulationist, antidefeatist policies."

He added: "The defeated president's assertion that Egypt will take disciplinary action against Libya if it proved to be a source of so-called serious problems, reminds us of similar prior statements made by him in 1977 before the failure of his armed attack against the Libyan people. On the other hand, the defeated president's reference to serious problems caused by Libya probably indicates the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah's staunch patriotic and revolutionary policies which oppose the Stable David accords and the capitulation treaty which brought the (Israelis) literally to Cairo."

The political editor noted that As-Sadat's statement prior to the 1977 military aggression came just before his trip to (Israel). He said the statements were made in preparation for consequent treacherous policies and to divert the Egyptian people's attention away from his machinations.

Today As-Sadat once again reiterates his threats before leaving for Washington in response to Carter's request for his presence to meet with terrorist Begin. The present statements have been also issued at a time when As-Sadat is trying hard to divert attention away from the true problems faced by his tottering regime in the wake of popular revolution which currently looms over Egyptian universities, the failure of normalization of Egyptian-(Israeli) relations and the self-rule conspiracy.

As-Sadat claims that Libyans are arming in a manner which exceeds their own needs. The truth is that Libya has not yet reached a level of sufficient armament of her people. The truth is that the Egyptian regime is being armed by colonialism so that it could fulfill the role of Arab and African policeman.

The political editor added: "The Libyan people, backed by their own capabilities, the Arab nation's masses, friends throughout the world and peoples fighting for peace and freedom, might find themselves forced to enter into serious confrontation against aggressive forces in a bid to deter aggression. The Libyan people defeated not only the armed 1977 aggression, but also the Italian hordes and British and American colonialist forces. The Libyans are therefore well equipped to teach any aggressor lessons they will not easily forget."

FROLINAT SPOKESMAN CONDEMNS EGYPTIAN SUPPORT FOR HABRE

LD062024 Tripoli JANA in English 1757 GMT 6 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Tripoli, April 6, JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY--The press officer in the FROLINAT bureau in Tripoli condemned the Egyptian regime's support for Hissein Habre and his followers in order to strike at Chad's unity and independence.

In a statement issued here today, he said: "Events now taking place in Chad are tantamount to an uprising by the people to crush Hissein Habre and his followers who are being supported with arms and ammunition...this support took effect last week after the Egyptian Vice President Husni Mubarak's visit to Chad."

He added: "The struggle led by FROLINAT embodies the Chadian people's struggle against the French colonialist presence in the country, the French Government's support for Habre and the Zionist-colonialist onslaught in the region."

The Chadian press officer ended the statement by affirming his people's determination to continue the armed struggle against Habre and his supporters until they achieve victory against colonialism and hegemony.

AFGHANISTAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVES 7 APR

LD071646 Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic 1600 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Shah Mohammad Dost, foreign minister of Afghanistan, arrived in Tripoli today on a visit to Libya. In a statement at the airport, Mr Dost said that his visit to Libya is intended to strengthen and consolidate bilateral relations, and to insure cooperation in the face of imperialist plots and challenges against the developing countries. He confirmed his country's support for the Palestinians in their just struggle to liberate their homeland and to establish an independent state here.

MAURITANIA

CMSN MEETS, STATES POSITION ON W. SAHARA, CHAD CONFLICTS

AB041520 Nouakchott Domestic Service in French 1430 GMT 4 Apr 80 AB

[Text] The Permanent Committee of the Military Committee for National Salvation held a meeting on 3 April 1980 under the chairmanship of Lt Col Mohamed Khouna Ould Haydala, president of the CMSN [Military Committee for National Salvation], head of state and government. The CMSN president made a detailed report on the internal and external situation. Concerning the internal situation, the Permanent Committee has decided to solve the primary difficulties of the Military Committee for National Salvation [words indistinct].

Concerning the external situation, the Permanent Committee has reiterated Mauritania's position aiming at definitively putting an end to areas of tension in Africa and adopting the appropriate means to peacefully settle the conflicts between brotherly peoples. In this respect, the Permanent Committee has reaffirmed the position of Mauritania on the conflict of Western Sahara and its firm opposition to any attempt to internationalize the conflict.

Also, the CMSN Permanent Committee has reaffirmed Mauritania's neutrality toward the parties involved in this conflict and its readiness to use all means available to contribute to finding a just and lasting solution in the interest of the people of the Maghreb subregion.

Concerning the recent deterioration of the situation in Chad, the CMSN Permanent Committee [few words indistinct] in order to call on the different factions involved in the conflict to put an end to this fratricidal war, in the spirit of the Lagos accord.

REPORTED EXPULSION OF MOROCCAN TEACHERS DENIED

AB071200 Paris AFP in English 0713 GMT 6 Apr 80 AB

[Text] Nouakchott, 6 Apr (AFP)--The official Mauritanian news agency has denied Moroccan press reports that a number of Moroccan teachers had been expelled from Mauritania. The agency yesterday accused the Rabat newspaper EL MITHAQ EL WATANI, which first reported the supposed expulsions last Thursday, of falsifying the facts and putting out lies and trying to promote the idea that Mauritania was hostile to Morocco.

TUNISIA

OFFICIALS RECEIVE PLO'S ABU MAZIN, ABU AL-HUL

LD041732 Tunis TAP in English 1416 GMT 4 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Tunis, April 4 (TAP)--The Tunisian education minister in charge of coordinating governmental action to President Bourguiba received earlier today Abu Mazin, member of the Central Committee of the Palestinian movement Fatah who arrived Thursday in Tunis.

Talks were held in the presence of the premier's principal private secretary Hamed el-Abed, member of the Fatah Central Committee Abu al-Hul and PLO representative in Tunisia Hasan Bal'awi and focused on the latest developments of the Palestinian cause and the Security Council discussion of the Palestinian cause and its effects.

Meeting With Bourguiba

LD051429 Tunis TAP in English 1359 GMT 5 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Carthage, April 5 (TAP)--President Bourguiba received this morning at the Presidential Palace Mr Abu Mazin, member of the Palestine Liberation Organization Executive Committee, and Mr Abu al-Hul, member of the Fatah Central Committee in the presence of Mr Mohamed Sayah, deputy minister to the prime minister and director of the Desturian Socialist Party and Mr Hasan Bal'awi PLO representative in Tunis. The meeting centered on the latest developments of the Palestinian issue and the achievements it recently acquired.

MINISTER SIGNS CULTURAL AGREEMENT WITH DPRK

LD051500 Tunis TAP in English 1408 GMT 5 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Carthage, April 5 (TAP)--President Bourguiba conferred Saturday with Mr Yi Chang-son culture and arts minister of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea, who is staying in Tunisia on the occasion of the North Korean cultural week which is held in Tunis.

They talked about friendly relations between the two countries and means of strengthening bilateral relations besides the North Korean minister signed with Tunisian Information and Cultural Affairs Minister Fouad Mbazaa a programme of cultural exchanges as part of the agreement of cultural cooperation concluded between the 2 countries in Pyongyang in June 1979. This two-year programme relates to the fields of culture, information, education and sports.

The North Korean minister also conferred today with Tunisian Foreign Minister Mohamed Fitouri to whom he extended an invitation to visit Pyongyang.

NEW TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR TO OMAN APPOINTED

LD041401 Tunis L'ACTION in French 26 Mar 80 p 4 LD

[Unattributed report: "Mahmoud Mestiri New Tunisian Ambassador to Oman"]

[Text] President Bourguiba received Mr Mahmoud Mestiri at the Carthage Palace yesterday morning and handed him his credentials as Tunisia's ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the Sultanate of Oman. Following the audience Mahmoud Mestiri said that the head of state had given him directives concerning his new post, pointing out that the supreme combatant attaches particular importance to Tunisian-Omani relations.

WESTERN SAHARA

STATEMENT ISSUED ON 27-29 MAR SMARA BATTLE

LD072114 Algiers Domestic Service in Arabic 2000 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Within the framework of Houari Boumediene's offensive, fighters of the Saharan People's Liberation Army are continuing their liberation struggle against the invading Moroccan royal forces. A statement by the Saharan Information Ministry said today that the Saharan fighters launched a series of military operations against the positions of the royal expansionists in Smara. The statement added that the town of Smara was subjected 27-29 March to heavy shellings by Saharan fighters using heavy weapons, resulting in heavy casualties and material damage for the Moroccan royal forces.

REPORTAGE ON AFTERMATH OF RAID ON KIBBUTZ

Eytan, Ben-Gal Press Conference

TA071641 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1505 GMT 7 Apr 80 TA

[Chief of Staff Lt Gen Rafa'el Eytan and Northern Command Commander Maj Gen Avigdor Ben-Gal news conference in Tel Aviv on the afternoon of 7 April--recorded]

[Excerpt] Less than an hour ago Chief of Staff Lt Gen Rafa'el Eytan held a news conference in his Tel Aviv office to sum up the events in Misgav 'Am. The news conference was also attended by Northern Command Commander Maj Gen Avigdor Ben-Gal. Here are the main points of the news conference. [begin recording]

[Eytan] A squad of five terrorists infiltrated into Misgav 'Am from UNIFIL territory inside Lebanon and, from the initial investigation--we have not completed a precise investigation--were there for about 6 hours. They broke through the kibbutz system, [defense system] which is quite complicated. They entered the kibbutz and went into the children's house. On their way into a part of the children's house, the killed the kibbutz secretary and took control of the floor, the living room floor of the children's house. Another kibbutz member and six infants were there.

The day before that, in preparation for the holidays and from other reports, the border had been reinforced and our activity was different from the normal security activity. We had no indication about whether, where or when there would be such an infiltration. There was no indication about the infiltration or how they managed to penetrate the system.

Forces that arrived during the night made contact with the terrorists. By the first light more forces had gathered. The commander of the command arrived, the defense minister and I, the deputy chief of staff, and other officers.

When day broke the situation became clearer, but there was no indication about the number of terrorists inside the building. There was contact with the terrorists, talking, conversation. They presented all sorts of demands. They did not bargain about prisoners, their release or any sort of similar activity in return for the hostages or their transfer with the hostages or with released prisoners to anywhere else. So, the negotiations involved their request, or their ultimative demand, to bring an ambassador from a foreign country and a representative of the Red Cross. This phenomenon is well known from previous incidents and we do not know to what extent this was more serious than previous occasions. They also changed the deadline from time to time. They started with 0700, moved on to 0730, 0800, 0830, finally to 1000.

During conversations they asked for bottles of milk to be brought for the children. Bottles of milk were brought to them, including a megaphone through which they would be able to talk more freely and we would be able to hear them better. These things were brought to them by a boy, whom they insisted be dressed only in underpants. The boy reached the window and put the crate on the windowsill, and the terrorists emptied the crate's contents--they took the megaphone, they took the bottles of milk and threw the crate out.

We, at an even earlier stage, realized that negotiations would be of no use, and there was a constant fear that they would keep their word and fulfil their threat to the hostages. One never knows whether they will extend the deadline again or not, so we decided to use force to release the hostages in the children's house.

The forces were collected, a plan was decided on and approved on the spot by the defense minister. The main point of the plan involved eliminating the terrorists. At the designated time--1000--this plan was carried out precisely, very rapidly and very successfully. Not one of the force was killed in the operation, nor were any of the hostages. Several people were injured, including light injuries to the children, the babies and also to the civilian, the kibbutz member, who was guarding them. His hands were bound, and his leg was injured. Several soldiers were injured in the attack. All the terrorists were killed. It was only after the attack that it was learned that there had been five terrorists.

They were armed with heavy weapons, relatively--which has generally not been the case with terrorist squads--such as RPD machineguns [miqla'onim] and many [word indistinct] for Kalachnikovs and handgrenades. These are common, but as far as I can remember, this is the first time such a strike squad has had an RPD machinegun.

One baby was apparently killed during the night while they were taking control of the building. This is a matter for investigation. An investigation on the spot at the time of the operation gave us a great deal of confidence that that baby was killed during the night. Do you want to add anything, Yanish? [nickname for Ben-Gal]

[Ben-Gal] This squad belongs to the liberation front, the Arab Liberation Front. It is supported, apparently, by the Iraqis, and it specifically passed through territory under the control of UNIFIL forces....

[Unidentified correspondent] Which force?

[Ben-Gal] Apparently, through the Irish and Nigerian forces.

[Unidentified correspondent] Lieutenant General Eytan, were there any prior reports, signs, about the possibility of an increase in terrorist activity [words indistinct]....

[Eytan] During the year we have had many alerts about the possibility of strikes. There were many signs, because we came across at least six squads--within Lebanese territory and on the borders--during the last year. The signs prove that there is a desire to act. We know about several squads that clashed with UNIFIL. UNIFIL stopped them, sent them back, disarmed them and so on. We did not have concrete reports about place, time and method.

[Unidentified correspondent] How did this squad succeed in crossing both the [word indistinct] enclaves and [words indistinct]?

[Eytan] There is no problem in crossing through Haddad's enclaves, since the territory has very sparse forces. It is clear that there is no problem in moving through UNIFIL territory. Apart from certain isolated cases, I do not know whether it permits them, but UNIFIL makes it possible for them to move in UNIFIL territory. They also have bases. There are terrorist bases inside UNIFIL territory.

The [defense] system is sophisticated, that is true, but it is not hermetic, and they have crossed it very often. This system has been crossed many times, one squad to Ma'alot, one to Margaliyyot, another squad to Qiryat Shemona. There was also one boy who tried to cross back from our territory into Lebanon, a murderer who was coincidentally killed there. This system is good; it is efficient, but it is not hermetic.

Details of PLO Group

TA071937 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1800 GMT 7 Apr 80 TA

[Text] Terrorist squads sent by the Arab Liberation Front, the organization responsible for the attack on the children's house in Misgav 'Am, tried to land on Israel's coasts in rubber boats several times this year, but most of the terrorists were captured by Israel's navy. They were put on trial in a military court and were sentenced to life. This is reported by ITIM correspondent (Shesy) Garbay.

Generally the terrorists from this organization were given orders to take hostages and demand the release of their members imprisoned in Israel in return for their lives, but if they were to fail in their mission, they were given orders to open fire indiscriminately and kill as many civilians as possible. Iraqi commanders headed all the squads captured and their colleagues were Palestinians born in the refugee camps in Lebanon.

This terrorist organization belongs to the rejectionist front inside the PLO and is considered to be the most extremist of them. It is opposed to any dialog on the Palestinian issue, and its aim is the destruction of Israel, without any compromises. The organization was founded 12 years ago by the Ba'th Party of Iraq as a Palestinian corps of the Iraqi Army and a counterweight to the As-Sai'qah terrorist organization, which is under the aegis of Syria. The ITIM correspondent adds that the Arab Liberation Front has also established bases in the refugee camps in Beirut or its suburbs. Recently it has also established training camps in southern Lebanon, mainly near An-Nabatiyyah.

Name of Dead Soldier

TA072107 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 2100 GMT 7 Apr 80 TA

[Text] A soldier, Private Eliyahu Eldad Tzafrir, aged 18, from Holon, was killed in the terrorist attack on Misgav 'Am. He was killed in the early hours of the morning in an exchange of fire with the terrorist squad. The publication of his name was held up until the family had been informed.

UNIFIL Area Not Crossed

TA080611 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 0500 GMT 8 Apr 80 TA

[Text] A UN spokesman has said the organization has no evidence that the terrorists who attacked Misgav 'Am crossed through UNIFIL-controlled areas in southern Lebanon. On the contrary, the spokesman said, it seems that the terrorists had to cross through the enclave controlled by Major Haddad. The UN spokesman noted that the UNIFIL forces were not allowed to deploy appropriately in the Christian enclave. Undoubtedly, Haddad's activities in areas where UN forces are stationed have affected the ability of UN soldiers to prevent infiltration attempts.

Begin Condemns Attack

TA080909 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 0900 GMT 8 Apr 80 TA

[Text] Prime Minister Menahem Begin said the attack on the children's house at Misgav 'Am serves as a warning regarding the security of our future. We have known this for years. However, perhaps others will now also realize our situation and understand it better. The prime minister noted that without the sacrifice and bravery of our soldiers we would have incurred more casualties in Misgav 'Am. The prime minister expressed his condolences to the bereaved families and to kibbutz Misgav 'Am. Mr Begin was speaking upon the occasion of receiving a medal from the American Jewish Congress. His remarks are reported by our correspondent David Essing.

Weizman Report to Knesset

TA081115 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1100 GMT 8 Apr 80 TA

[Text] This morning Defense Minister 'Ezer Weizman and Deputy Chief of Staff Maj Gen Yequti'el Adam reported to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee on yesterday's events at Misgav 'Am. Our Knesset correspondent Arye Golan reports that the defense minister praised the dexterity shown by the IDF soldiers in rescuing the hostages and handling the terrorists. The few minutes during which the action took place seemed to us, those waiting outside the children's house, as if they were years, 'Ezer Weizman said. He also told the committee members about the measures adopted at Misgav 'Am in order to prevent the recurrence of such incidents.

The defense minister said all the details about the methods used by the terrorists to penetrate the kibbutz were not yet known and that the matter was still being investigated. The defense minister added that, indeed, there had been reports about expected terrorist infiltrations. However, those reports were not sufficiently detailed.

Carter Condolence Message

TA081132 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1105 GMT 8 Apr 80 TA

[Text] The prime minister received a message from President Carter a few minutes ago, on the eve of his trip to the United States. Our political correspondent Shim'on Schiffer brings the details of the message to our studio. What is written in the message, Shim'on?

[Shiffer] As you said, U.S. Ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis brought with him [to his meeting with Begin today] a special message sent by President Carter to the prime minister. This is what the message says:

Dear Prime Minister, I was deeply shocked by the tragedy that took place at Misgav 'Am. Please accept my sincere condolences on my behalf and on the behalf of all U.S. citizens. Our thoughts are with you, with the families and friends of the victims of such a brutal act. Signed: Sincerely yours, Jimmy Carter.

The U.S. ambassador added some other words of condolence. It was reported from the prime minister's office that the meeting between the two men had been fixed, as said, a few days ago. The U.S. ambassador is departing for Washington tomorrow before the prime minister's arrival there next week for talks with President Carter.

In their talk the two men reviewed recent developments in the area and the positions to be presented by the prime minister in his talks on the autonomy issue. It should be emphasized that it is not yet clear whether Ambassador Lewis urged the prime minister to show restraint in a future reaction to the murderous attack at Misgav 'Am. Undoubtedly, the condolence message sent by the U.S. President attests--in addition to the U.S. administration's sincere goodwill--to a feeling of disgust at the incident in Misgav 'Am as well as to the U.S. fear that the terrorist attack might harden the government's position in the talks to be held in Washington next week.

TERRORIST SQUAD CAPTURED IN ARAB VILLAGE

TA080910 Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew 8 Apr 80 p 8 TA

[By Yehuda Ari'el]

[Text] A terrorist squad which was going to carry out attacks in the north of Israel was captured in the village of Kfar Tamra last week. All the three members of the squad, who had been recruited by Fatah agents, are inhabitants of the village, which is in western Galilee. A detention order for 15 days has been issued against them and they are cooperating with the investigators.

As has been reported by the Galilee District police headquarters, the trio were about to receive explosive materials from Fatah agents in Samaria, who had also promised to pay them for the attacks.

The three are: 'Omar Ahmad ('Abd al-Rahman Abu-Jawsh] (aged 23), a painter; ('Abd al-Raziq 'Ali Kan'ani) (aged 29), a construction worker; (Khalil Muhammad Abu al-Hayjah) (aged 24), a construction worker. They were employed by Jews, they speak Hebrew and had access to many places, particularly in the regions where they were going to act.

The first Arab spy squad organized in the village of Kfar Tamra was captured early in the 1950's, together with villagers from 'Arraba.

POLITICAL CIRCLES SURPRISED AT AS-SADAT SPEECH REQUEST

TA081136 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1100 GMT 8 Apr 80 TA

[Text] Jerusalem political circles have noted that Prime Minister Menahem Begin has not yet been invited to make a speech before the Egyptian Parliament in Cairo. Therefore, the report that President as-Sadat is asking to again speak before the Knesset is surprising. The circles emphasized to our political correspondent that in contacts held in the last few days with the Egyptians there were no hints of President as-Sadat's desire to come to Jerusalem.

GAZA MAYOR REJECTS AS-SADAT AUTONOMY PROPOSAL

TA041233 Jerusalem Domestic Service in English 1200 GMT 4 Apr 80 TA

[Text] Gaza Mayor Rashad ash-Shawwa has categorically rejected President as-Sadat's suggestion that autonomy be imposed on the Gaza Strip. As-Sadat also told the afternoon newspaper YEDI'OT AHARONOT that autonomy should be started in Gaza and East Jerusalem. Mayor ash-Shawwa made his views clear in an interview with reporter Jerry Cheslow. [begin recording]

[Ash-Shawwa] They can impose an autonomy which they will call autonomy, but we cannot recognize such an autonomy or accept it unless it gives us our full right to self-determination and our full right to establishing our own state.

[Question] Mayor ash-Shawwa, what about the implementation of parts of autonomy first in Gaza and then, with the aim of going toward implementing the same things in the West Bank?

[Answer] At least I don't agree to it, and I don't think the people would agree to it. If it is imposed, that's a different matter. We feel it is a means of splitting Gaza from the West Bank and weakening both.

[Question] How will you combat this?

[Answer] Well, I'll keep saying I refuse it, but I am living here. I am not--I can't carry arms and fight. The same as Israeli occupation is imposed on us, this can be imposed. [end recording]

WEST BANK MILITARY GOVERNMENT CLOSES OFF ARAB LAND

TA061121 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1100 GMT 6 Apr 80 TA

[Text] The military government closed off, for military purposes, about 150 dunams of land belonging to the village of Tammun, east of Nabulus. The governor notified the mukhtar of the village of this.

ETHIOPIA

PMAC SECRETARY GENERAL HOLDS TALKS WITH YAR DELEGATION

LD071632 Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1030 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD/EA

[Text] Comrade Lt Col. Fiseha Desta, assistant secretary general of the PMAC and deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers, held talks on bilateral relations and international issues this morning with His Excellency Hasan Muhammad Makki, the YAR deputy prime minister and foreign minister.

Present at the talks, which were held at the National Palace, on the Ethiopian side were Comrade Col Dr Feleke Gedle-Giorgis, foreign minister; Comrade Yusuf Ahmed, minister of communications and transport; Comrade Wole Chekol, minister of external trade; Comrade Colonel Tesfaye Wolde Selassie, minister of public and national security; and Comrade Wesen Beshah, acting head of the Foreign Ministry's Africa and Middle East Department.

Present on the YAR side were His Excellency Lt Col Lutfi al-Kilabi, cultural and information adviser in the prime ministers office with the rank of minister of state; His Excellency Engineer Ahmad al-Ansi, minister of communications; His Excellency Lt Col Husayn M. al-Ghaffari, YAR ambassador to socialist Ethiopia; Lt Col ('Ali al-Jabri), permanent secretary of the Ministry of Supply and Foreign [as heard] Trade; (Mr Ahmad al-Hadi), director of economic affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Mr (Muhyi ad-Din ad-Dabbi), director of the minister's office in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The delegations of socialist Ethiopia and the YAR, led respectively by Comrade Lt Col Fiseha Desta and His Excellency Dr Hasan Muhammad Makki, exchanged views at length on bilateral relations, the situation in the region and international issues. The talks were held in a spirit of complete understanding and friendship.

On the occasion, Comrade Lt Col Fiseha Desta gave a lengthy account of the political, economic and social victories of the Ethiopian revolution over the past 6 years, placing special emphasis on the economic and cultural development and the mass literacy campaigns.

For his part, His Excellency Hasan Muhammad Makki briefed the Ethiopian delegation led by Comrade Lt Col Fiseha Desta on YAR foreign policy and the steps taken to safeguard the country's unity and national sovereignty.

In the interests of the well-being and prosperity of the two peoples, the two sides agreed to consolidate the friendly relations between the two countries.

Further Details

LD072020 Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1700 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD/EA

[Text] The ministers of communications and transport and foreign trade of socialist Ethiopia and the Yemen Arab Republic [YAR] this afternoon held talks on ways of establishing and developing new forms of cooperation in communications, trade and transport between the two friendly countries.

The following attended the talks, which were held at the assembly hall of the Ministry of Communications and Transport: Comrade Ahmed Yusuf, minister of communications and transport; Comrade Chekal Wole, minister of external trade; Mr Ahmad al-Ansi, YAR minister of communications and transport; Lt Col 'Ali (al-Jabir), YAR minister of foreign trade [title as heard]. Departmental officials of the Ethiopian Ministries of Communications and Transport and Foreign Trade; and other YAR officials. During the talks, the ministers gave accounts of the state of transport, communications and trade in their respective countries.

NIGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AUDU ARRIVES 7 APR

LD072014 Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1700 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD/EA

[Text] Dr Ishaya Audu, minister of external affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, arrived in Addis Ababa this afternoon to deliver a message to Comrade Chairman Mengistu Haile Mariam, chairman of the Provisional Military Administrative Council and commander in chief of the revolutionary army, from president Shehu Shagari, the Nigerian leader. The Nigerian external affairs minister was met on arrival at the airport by Comrade Dr Col Feleke Gedle Giorgis, minister of foreign affairs, the Nigerian ambassador to Ethiopia and members of the Nigerian Embassy. In a brief airport statement, Dr Ishaya Audu said that during his mission he will convey hearty greetings from the Nigerian leader, President Shehu Shagari, on behalf of the government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the people of Nigeria and on his own behalf to Comrade Chairman Mengistu Haile Mariam.

ERITREAN SPOKESMAN DENIES NEGOTIATIONS REPORT

LD071158 Kuwait KUNA in English 1122 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Damascus, Apr 7 (KUNA)--The Eritrean Liberation Front strongly denied Monday press reports claiming that it intends to put an end to the 19-year-old armed struggle against Ethiopia over the strategic Eritrea province.

The head of the front's External Relations Bureau Abdulla Suleyman Abdulla told KUNA here Monday his front would continue its struggle until the complete independence of Eritrea from Ethiopia is achieved. He described reports claiming that the front had accepted an offer [words indistinct] autonomy to Eritrea as baseless.

News reports said recently that the [word indistinct] of the main guerrilla groups fighting Ethiopia, has decided to liquidate another organisation, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Eritrea, and to start negotiations with the military Ethiopian regime on an autonomy rule for Eritrea.

Abdulla said that accusations against his front being communist "is a cheap method applied by some isolationist elements to incite trouble and cause dissention in the ranks of the Eritrean revolution.

The Eritrean official affirmed that the Eritrean fighters would not accept "any political formula for the settlement of the problem if it failed to meet the legitimate aspirations of the Eritrean people."

More Denials

LD072026 Mogadishu Domestic Service in Somali 1700 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD/EA

[Text] The gallant Eritrean Liberation Front [ELF] today stated that it will continue to fight to wrest independence from the illegal Abyssinian colonialists, this being the objective of the Eritrean people. This was stated by the head of the ELF Foreign Relations Bureau, His Excellency Abdullah Sulayman, who categorically denied and described as unfounded lies recent reports put out by the tottering Abyssinian colonialists to the effect that Eritrea has no objection to being granted autonomy. His Excellency Abdullah added that the gallant Eritrean people will never succumb to the lies spread by the Abyssinian colonialists, but will continue their 20-year long struggle for full independence and self-determination.

KENYA

RADIO SCORES MULTINATIONALS' INVOLVEMENT IN S. AFRICA

LD072104 Nairobi Domestic Service in English 1600 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD/EA

[Station commentary]

[Text] The influx of foreign capital and therefore of foreign interests in southern Africa has over the past decade been one major factor sustaining the white minority regimes in South Africa, Namibia and, until recently, Rhodesia, which is now Zimbabwe. The majority of Africans in these countries are denied economic and political rights and are subjected to subhuman treatment. The point that needs urgent attention is that this flow of foreign investments in South Africa is not only sustaining the racist minority regimes, but deliberately attempting to spread its interests northwards beyond the boundaries of the minority regimes to engulf the adjacent countries.

Most subsidiaries of multinational companies operating in South Africa have extensions in neighboring countries and a large proportion of the labor force on which the same companies depend comes from these very neighboring countries. The effects of multinationals on the black majority and the problem of liberation are numerous. It will suffice to illustrate only a few here. In 1974 there were over 20,000 Malawians and a large number of recruits from Mozambique, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland working mainly in South African and Namibian mines. Paradoxically, during the same period there were nearly 2 million black South Africans who were unemployed.

Part of the explanation to this paradox is that while high technology in industry requires a classified category of employees, the South African Government has a deliberate policy of restricting South African blacks from the institutions of modernization in order to limit their level of consciousness. Since it is the black labor that is most required in the mines, factories and farms, black children are not encouraged to go to school. In 1978 over 51 percent of black children received no school education at all. Less than 10 percent of all black pupils go to universities. Up to this day there is no university in Namibia. Color bar also places barriers in respect of vocational training and skilled occupation.

South Africa spent 824 million pounds on white education in 1976-77 and only 117 million pounds of black education, despite the fact that whites constitute only 17 percent of the population and blacks are almost 70 percent of the total.

The migratory labor system, whereby the husband is separated from the family for a period of 12 months, has adverse effects on the children's emotional stability and renders numerous children schizophrenic. Children grow up in a very hostile and racially tense atmosphere. This situation leaders many children into perversion, suicide, prostitution, begging and violent crimes become rampant.

But the efforts of resistance are thwarted by an alliance of the South African Government and international capital through multinationals. The 1975 Soweto uprising generated by the black consciousness movement was suppressed and schoolchildren murdered by rifles and Israeli guns which had been licensed by a Belgian firm for manufacture in South Africa. They were subjected to teargas from Alouette helicopters of the South African Air Force, purchased from France. Teargas and ammunition were manufactured in factories set up with the collaboration of British multinationals. Police reinforcements were sent to Capetown in V troop transports sold to South Africa by the USA. All this testifies to the open violation of the UN resolution on South Africa, which calls on all governments to impose mandatory economic sanctions on South Africa.

The reason multinationals are spreading into the neighboring countries of South Africa is to blackmail the rest of Africa so that when the West is accused of violating the UN resolution, the same West can point an accusing finger at Africa and say: But you too have economic ties with South Africa. It is in view of this that we commend last week's Lusaka conference of the nine southern African states seeking ways to reduce their economic dependence on South Africa. The attendants of any future conference of this kind should bear in mind that it is the multinationals operating in South Africa that pose a threat to their economic independence. It is for this reason that Mr Botha in reaction to the conference had the audacity to say: We will most certainly not beg the countries concerned to have any economic or other relationship with us. In fact, he went on to say, it was not the South African Government which in the first place asked them to send their workers to us or make use of our railways and harbors or trade with us. In other words, Botha is exonerating his government and implicating a third party in the southern African economic complicity. The third party can be no other than the Western metropolises and their investments in South Africa. The roots of the nine southern African states economic dependence on South Africa lie with the flow of foreign investments in South Africa. The sooner we control this flow, the sooner our economic independence. That is the way it is.

SOMALIA

FRONT LEADER NOTES RECENT ETHIOPIAN AGGRESSION

LD071532 (Clandestine) Voice of Western Somali and Abo Liberation Fronts in Somali to Western Somalia 0930 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD/EA

[Text] Western Somalia Liberation Front [WSLF] freedom fighters are engaged in a bitter war against Abyssinian butchers, their stooges and others who are bent on seizing their land.

This is what WSLF Secretary General Dr Abdullahi Hasan Mahmud Dubad said in an interview to the Voice of WSLF and Abo reporter. Challe Abdullahi Hasan said that the enemy has recently started attacking, particularly in the Harar, Dagahabur, (Sagag), Dagmeda, Auareh and Wardere areas. He added, however, that it is certain that these enemy attacks were repulsed by the heroic WSLF freedom fighters. Having met defeat on the ground, the Abyssinian regime and their stooges resorted to the use of Soviet-made aircraft flown by Cuban pilots, but even this will not help the Addis Ababa reactionary regime.

In reply to a question on how the WSLF feels about Abyssinia's repeated denials of the huge influx of refugees into the Somali Democratic Republic, WSLF Secretary General Abdullahai Hasan Mahmud said: This is cheap propaganda spread by the shameless Abyssinian colonialists. The secretary general said that international journalists are constantly pouring in to see for themselves the plight of the refugees.

'Heavy' Ethiopian Losses

LD071533 [Clandestine] Voice of Western Somali and Abo Liberation Fronts in Somali to Western Somalia 0930 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD/EA

[Text] In very bitter fighting around (Garlogube) between K'abradahare and Vardere on 3 April WSLF freedom fighters killed 800 black Abyssinian colonialist soldiers and destroyed 46 of their personnel carriers. The forces of the Addis Ababa regime have thus incurred very heavy losses. In accordance with their usual practice when defeated by the firepower of the freedom fighters, the black Abyssinian colonialists used their aircraft to bomb civilian targets such as villages. Having won their resounding victory, the gallant freedom fighters returned to their bases.

UGANDA

BINAISA GIVES EASTER ADDRESS; DENOUNCES POLITICAL DIVISION

LD071544 Kampala Domestic Service in English 1400 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD/EA

[Excerpt] President Binaisa has reaffirmed his unshakable stand on unity, and pledged to continue fighting against any form of political division. Mr Binaisa was speaking after an Easter Sunday service at (Kivukuzo) church in (Ndiampunde), Masaka district. He said that the revival of petty politics of the sixties will lead to a repetition of the past mistakes, which, he said, brought a lot of confusion in the country.

Defending the principles and practices of the Uganda National Liberation Front [UNLF], President Binaisa said the front is doing its best to establish democracy, and that within the short period of its existence the UNLF has scored appreciable achievements toward reconstructing the country. He told he audience to give the UNLF a chance because political parties had theirs and misused it.

Mr Binaisa reiterated that the UNLF will give a chance to every able candidate to compete in the elections for the presidency, parliamentary representation and district councils. The president stressed that the UNLF [words indistinct] its declared policy from the Moshi spirit, which put together more than (?30) political groups that joined hands with our Tanzanian allies to liberate the country.

Mr Binaisa again stated his promise that innocent Ugandans will be allowed to stand for any office during the coming elections under the UNLF.

On reconstruction, the president promised that with credit facilities offered by the Indian Government, Ugandans will very shortly be able to purchase a shirt at 40 shillings, and obtain axes, pangas [machetes] and building materials.

He, however, called on all Ugandans to be more vigilant in eradicating the evils of smuggling and black marketeering, so that the economy of the country can recover more quickly.

CUBAN SUGAR EXPERTS REPORT TO PRESIDENT BINAISA

ID041926 Kampala International Service in English 1500 GMT 4 Apr 80 LD/EA

[Excerpt] Cuban technical personnel who have been studying Uganda's sugar industry problems and identifying areas of assistance and development have presented their findings to President Binaisa for government consideration. The ceremony took place at State House, Entebbe.

The delegation visited various areas of the country to locate suitable places for sugar cane production and study the prevailing situation at two government sugar estates: Kinyala and Sango Bay.

In their proposals for short-term and long-term programs, the sugar engineers analyzed factors that would lead to increased sugar production, rehabilitation of machines at the two factories and requirements to effect the proposed strategies and promote efficiency among the staff on the estates.

President Binaisa, on behalf of the Uganda National Liberation Front government and on his own behalf, was grateful to the delegation and to the Cuban Government for opting to assist Uganda in rehabilitating and expanding her sugar industry. He said the government attaches great importance to the refurbishing of all industries, particularly those producing essential commodities like sugar, Mr Binaisa told the engineers that Uganda has a rich agricultural potential and given good will, coupled with a zeal to work hard and aid from friendly countries, the country can be self-reliant in most essential goods now lacking.

Promise of Assistance

ID05211 Kamapala Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 6 Apr 80 LD/EA

[Text] The four-man Cuban delegation which has been in the country for the last 30 days has left for home after promising Cuban aid to Uganda in various fields of development. Members of the delegation told a news conference at Entebbe Airport that Cuba is going to give Uganda free aid in all technical fields.

CHAD

NORTHERN ARMED FORCES COMMANDER HABRE SIGNS CEASE-FIRE

AB071245 Paris AFP in French 1220 GMT 7 Apr 80 AB

[Text] Ndjamena, 7 Apr (AFP)--Chad Defense Minister and Commander of the Northern Armed Forces Hissein Habre today signed a cease-fire agreement in the two-week civil war initialed yesterday evening by his adversary President Goukouni Oueddei, an official source said.

The cease-fire was due to go into effect tomorrow at 12 am local time [1100 GMT].

PARIS CITES HABRE SUPPORTER ON LIBYAN ROLE IN DISPUTE

LD071928 Paris Domestic Service in French 1700 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD

[Excerpts] The cease-fire agreement concluded between President Goukouni Oueddei and Hissein Habre, because of the good offices of Togolese President General Eyadema, is to come into force beginning at 1200 tomorrow.

Four African countries and France will send observers to monitor the observance of this cease-fire.

The Libyans have stated through the Voice of Radio Tripoli that they will not remain passive in the face of "the dangerous international conspiracy which is threatening the Chadian people and the African Continent."

Our special correspondent in Chad, Jerome Bonaldi, has interviewed one of Hissein Habre's supporters, Hadjaro Senoussi. As far as he is concerned, Libya's objectives are clear. [begin recording]

[Senoussi] Libya is recruiting the largest possible number of soldiers with the aim of upsetting all the agreements likely to restore peace and stability in Chad, including the Lagos agreements.

[Bonaldi] And why is Libya seeking to destabilize Chad?

[Senoussi] Libya does not seek stability in Chad because it has interests and its interests lie in the destabilization of Chad. It wants to occupy a part of Chadian territory which contains sufficient raw materials such as uranium and so forth. That is why Libya hopes for a government which is a (?front). [end recording]

PROVISIONS OF CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT OUTLINED

LD071930 Paris Domestic Service in French 1800 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Four African countries as well as France will in the coming hours be sending observers to Ndjamena to monitor the observance of the cease-fire agreement signed yesterday and today by President Goukouni Oueddei and Defense Minister Hissein Habre.

If respected, this cease-fire will come into force at 1200 tomorrow. This agreement, which is the fourth since 23 March, is the result of the mediation action undertaken over the past 3 days by Togolese President General Gnassingbe Eyadema. Thus, the conflict in which more than 1,000 people have already died and thousands have been injured may end at midday tomorrow.

Moreover, the neutral French-African commission will seek to determine the demarcation lines between the armed forces. The two sides will be separated by a neutral zone which will be placed under the authority of joint patrols. The Chadian finance minister has pointed out that peace could be established in Chad if there is no Libyan intervention, whether direct or indirect.

HABRE ACCUSES LIBYA OF SUPPLYING ARMS TO OUEDDEI

LD072128 Paris Domestic Service in French 2100 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Hissein Habre has just stated that his troops will respect the cease-fire agreement concluded in Ndjamena with President Goukouni Oueddei. This cease-fire is due to go into force beginning at 1200 tomorrow. However, every time that the cease-fire has been violated, he pointed out during a press conference, it has been done so by the coalition assembled around Goukouni Oueddei.

On this occasion Hissein Habre accused Libya of sending weapons to the armed forces of the Chadian president and he asked France to assume its responsibilities in this conflict. In theory France is neutral, he said, but in practice it is helping Goukouni Oueddei.

NIGERIA

COMMENTARY EXAMINES BREAKDOWN OF LONDON COCOA CONFERENCE

AB080930 Lagos Domestic Service in English 0600 GMT 8 Apr 80 AB

[Station commentary]

[Text] It was the second of such meetings held in the British capital last month under the auspices of the International Cocoa Organization both of which were a followup to previous ones held in Geneva. All the meetings failed to achieve an agreement because of the refusal of the cocoa-consuming nations to accept a reasonable increase in the world price of the commodity as demanded by the producing states. What the producers asked for was a minimum of the equivalent of 80 kobo per 200 grams of cocoa. On their part, the consumers offered 66 kobo although they said that they would be prepared to negotiate the 80 kobo demand at some future time, if other issues such as the management of the cocoa support fund were settled. With their patience apparently overtaxed, the producers (?stopped) one immediate commitment of an 80 kobo minimum or an 18-month extension of the 1975 cocoa price agreement without the economic clauses attached to it. That was the stand adopted by representatives of the cocoa producers' alliance at the summit conference held in the Ivory Coast on the eve of the deadlock at the London meeting. The consumers not only rejected the increase demanded by the producers but also were not agreeable to an extension of the 1975 accord by 18 months. They wanted an extension by only 3 months and even then under qualifying economic clauses. Of course, at this point, the parting of ways became inevitable. In a sharp reaction to this development, the cocoa producers presented a resolution for the liquidation and sharing out among themselves of the price support funds which was about 135 million naira. The fund was set up under the 1975 Agreement and the contributors were Nigeria and the other cocoaproducing nations. The collapse of the London talks was not unexpected by the producers but they had hoped that somehow, the consuming nations might allow wiser counsel to prevail. At the Ivory Coast summit, President Shehu Shagari had pointed out that the cocoa consumers had persisted in their refusal to grant an increase in the price of the commodity simply because of their selfish attitude. This attitude clearly predominates in all the dealings of the industrialized nations with the developing countries of the world. The industrialized nations take cocoa and other raw materials of the developing states at rockbottom prices dictated by them and they sell their finished products to the producers of the raw materials at exorbitant prices dictated by them as well. There is glaring injustice in this system of international exploitation of the developing nations which should in fact enjoy the support of the advanced nations in all their efforts to try to stand on their own. This is a sincere way of contributing to world economic progress based on a good foundation.

Nigeria and the other cocoa-growing nations have yet taken another step in this direction in view of the uncooperative tendencies of the traditional consumers. In anticipation of further intransigence on the part of the consumers, the cocoa producers alliance decided on a number of contingency measures to protect the interests of their peoples who depend on cocoa for their livelihood. At the Ivory Coast meeting, the alliance decided on arrangements for the stockpiling of any surplus cocoa and the maintenance of reasonable price levels so that the cocoa growers face no hardships. But there is no doubt that Nigeria and her colleagues in the alliance will have to find alternative markets for cocoa, now that negotiations with the traditional buyers have ended in a blind alley.

It has already been pointed out by an official who represented Nigeria at the London talks that the breakdown of the negotiations would not present any intractable problems because our cocoa would have a ready market elsewhere. This, in fact, is supported by a United Nations' report which indicates that Nigeria's cocoa beans and cocoa products are favorites in some Eastern countries, particularly the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia. And fortunately, the government and people of this country are already convinced of the need to diversify not only our trade relations but also our entire economic base with emphasis on agriculture, including, of course, the cocoa sector.

TOGO

GOVERNMENT ISSUES COMMUNIQUE ON EYADEMA MISSION TO CHAD

AB071255 Lome Domestic Service in French 1230 GMT 7 Apr 80 AB

[Government communique]

[Text] The founding chairman of the Togolese People's Rally and president of the republic, Gen Gnassingbe Eyadema, who is a man of peace, dialog and entente among people, will return to Lome at 1300 today from Chad where he has been since last Saturday and where civil war has been raging for 15 days now. We have learned from the international press that the difficult mission undertaken by our national helmsman was crowned with success and has resulted in a cease-fire agreement between the warring factions. The Political Bureau of the Togolese People's Rally therefore invites all the people of Lome and its outskirts to accord the founding chairman a reception befitting the efforts he has just made in Ndjamena to restore peace and the joy of living to our Chadian brothers. This reception must be massive and warm in order to demonstrate to our leader the gratitude and admiration of the militants of the Togolese People's Rally.

President Interviewed

AB071400 Lome Domestic Service in French 1315 GMT 7 Apr 80 AB

[Interview with Togolese President Gnassingbe Eyadema on his return home from his mediation mission in Chad--live]

[Summary] [Question] "Welcome, Mr President. As a man of peace and dialog, you have been to Chad, a country where there has been fighting for some weeks now. Could you tell us the result of your mission?"

[Answer] "I left Lome at 1000 last Saturday for Ndjamena." "On my arrival there, I heard shots being fired not far away and mortar shells exploding about. A French colonel told me: General, let us go away at once. If not we may be hit by stray bullets. We went directly to President Goukouni's residence where we had discussions. We then parted to meet again in the afternoon when he visited me at the French military base. There, we again had another round of discussions which lasted more than 1 hour." "I submitted to him some concrete proposals to insure an end to the hostilities and we reached an agreement." "Next morning, I visited Hissein Habre who was on the other side of the city of Ndjamena which has been split in two." "I had to go to Cameroon first of all; From there I took a canoe to reach the part of Ndjamena where Hissein Habre is living." "Hissein Habre agreed to my proposals and signed." "I can say that the result is positive." "The two men have agreed to put an end to the hostilities." Togo, Cameroon, Nigeria and Liberia will send observers to supervise the cease-fire.

ANGOLA

DOS SANTOS RECEIVES VISITING SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER

LD071510 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0900 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD/EA

[Text] Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, president of the MPLA Labor Party and of the People's Republic of Angola and commander in chief of the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola, received in Luanda yesterday Leonid Ilichev, Soviet deputy minister of foreign affairs. Present at the audience granted to the Soviet diplomat were Comrades Afonso van Dunen Mbinda, Central Committee secretary for foreign relations, and Venancio de Moura, our deputy foreign minister. The Soviet deputy minister is visiting our country and various other southern African states.

MOZAMBIQUE

MAPUTO REPORTS OPENING OF ELECTIONS 7 APR

LD071544 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 0800 GMT 7 Apr 80 LD/EA

[Text] For the second time in the country, from the Rovuma to the Maputo, the people of Mozambique, beginning today, will elect the best workers, farmers, soldiers, revolutionary intellectuals and workers of the state apparatus as exemplary workers capable of properly representing them in the People's Assemblies in the districts, towns and locations. In forming the People's Assemblies, the supreme organ of state power at every level, we are participating in an exercise of power that was achieved only with difficulty by our country's workers.

This is what was said in a joint electoral call published on the occasion by the permanent commission of the People's Assembly. The call added that the people of Mozambique elected People's Assemblies at all levels for the first time in 1977. The assemblies we elect now must assume even greater responsibility for the conduct of our fundamental affairs. They must work to insure the continuing organized and conscious participation of the entire Mozambique people in solving our basic problems.

The call also refers to the difficulties facing our state apparatus, state enterprises, hospitals, schools, cooperatives, towns and village communes.

Let us participate in People's Assemblies so as to familiarize ourselves with the state apparatus, improve our political and ideological knowledge, and enhance our capacity to lead and implement state tasks, the call also says. The elections are a concrete expression of the exercise of popular sovereignty, the call says, adding that they represent the zenith of the permanent relationship between the state and the people.

The call adds that our grassroots elections of 1980 are also part of a broad process of accountability at the grassroots level, thus proving the principle that sovereignty is invested in the people.

In conclusion, the Permanent Political Committee of the FRELIMO Party and the permanent commission of the People's Assembly calls on all people of Mozambique to participate in the electoral and accountability processes actively, thus dislodging the enemy from our midst. It calls on the people to fight indiscipline, incompetence, chaos and other evils.

RHODESIA

POLAND EXPRESSES SOLIDARITY; WILL DEVELOP CLOSE LINKS

LD080831 Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1115 GMT 5 Apr 80 LD/CA

[Text] The foreign minister of Poland, Mr Edward Babiuch [as heard], has expressed his country's solidarity with the new government of Zimbabwe. Its first telex to IANA by the Polish agency quotes Mr Babiuch as having told his parliament that his country will develop close links with Zimbabwe.

ZAMBIA

KAUNDA, FOREIGN MINISTER ILICHEV EXPRESS MUTUAL RESPECT

LD031526 Lusaka Domestic Service in English 1800 GMT 2 Apr 80 LD

[Text] President Kaunda has reiterated that racist South African troops are still on Zambian soil harassing people in the Western Province. Despite this, President Kaunda emphasized that the frontiers of racism, imperialism and apartheid in southern Africa were shrinking because of support from friendly countries like the Soviet Union. Speaking at State House when the visiting soviet deputy minister of foreign affairs, Mr Leonid Ilichev, called on him, President Kaunda said Zambians know the Soviet Union is one of the countries they can depend on for the fight against racism. He pointed out that Zambia looks on the Soviet Union as one country which has helped the Frontline States to liberate Zimbabwe. He said Mozambique, Angola, Botswana and Tanzania and Zambia have shouldered the problem of Zimbabwe, but the people also have to fight racism in Namibia. In reply, Mr Ilichev assured President Kaunda that the Soviet Union will always be on Zambia's side in her continued struggle for peace in this region. He said he was aware that the struggle for political freedom in southern Africa was also aimed at maintaining economic independence for the whole region. He told President Kaunda that he was personally instructed by Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev to congratulate him on the ZANU (PF) victory in Zimbabwe.

PRESIDENT KAUNDA VISITS NORTH KOREA

For reportage on Zambian President Kaunda's visit to North Korea, see the North Korea section of the 8 April and subsequent issues of the Asia & Pacific DAILY REPORT.